

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Operating Budget Subcommittee



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## FY10 OPERATING BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law submits the following FY10 Operating Budget Recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee:

Fund Source	09 Adj Base	Gov Amd	Sen Sub	Difference
General Funds	\$45,021.1	\$56,825.4	\$54,309.1	\$(2,516.3)
Federal Funds	\$ 3,233.7	\$ 3,880.3	\$ 3,880.3	0
Other Funds	\$24,715.0	\$25,176.8	\$25,193.1	\$ 16.3
Total	\$72,969.8	\$85,235.9	\$83,382.5	

Positions	09 Adj Base	Gov Amd	Sen Sub	Difference
PFT	549	549	549	0
PPT	7	7	7	0
Temp	0	0	0	0

The Subcommittee held three meetings with the Department and took the following actions:

### Budget Action

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#### CRIMINAL DIVISION

- Approved a one-time increment of \$646,000 for U.S. Department of Justice federal grants to continue funding attorneys and paralegals to aid in the prosecution of domestic violence as well as adult and child sexual assault cases. Funding is split as indicated below:
  - Second Judicial District - \$90,000
  - Fourth Judicial District - \$285,000
  - Criminal Appeals & Special Litigation Section - \$271,600

- Approved an increment of \$292,400 GF for anticipated lease cost increases for the Third Judicial District office space in the Whale and Brady Buildings in Anchorage.
- Within Criminal Justice Litigation, approved a one-time increment of \$12,500 in Mental Health Trust Receipts to provide Disability Justice training for prosecutors to allow them to better understand and more efficiently handle cases involving persons with mental health disorders or cognitive impairments.

## CIVIL DIVISION

- Approved an increment of \$398,800 (50% GF & 50% Inter-agency Receipts) for anticipated lease cost increases for the Deputy Attorney General's office space in the Whale and Brady Buildings in Anchorage.
- Approved a one-time increment of \$165,000 in Tobacco Education & Cessation Funds for the Commercial & Fair Business group to continue work on resolving a Master Settlement dispute between the State of Alaska and the tobacco companies.
- Denied a fund source change from Oil & Hazardous Response Funds to General Funds related to unrealizable salary adjustments in the Environmental Law group.
- Approved a one-time increment of \$5.109 million GF within the Oil, Gas & Mining section for legal services related to ongoing Pt. Thomson litigation, FERC proceedings relating to Trans-Alaska Pipeline tariffs and corporate income tax matters.
- Denied a one-time increment of \$1.9 million GF within the Oil, Gas & Mining section for legal work related to Trans-Alaska Pipeline strategic reconfiguration
- Approved an \$187,000 GF increment within Statehood Defense for legal counsel related to continuing statehood entitlement work.
- Denied a \$600,000 one-time GF increment within the Statehood Defense section for work related to federal Endangered Species Act action regarding Polar Bears and Beluga Whales.
- Recommended that the Department's \$150,000 FY09 Supplemental request for Endangered Species Act work within the Statehood Defense section be increased to \$750,000 and given a FY2010 lapse date. This should provide the section with operating funds through the end of FY2010.

**ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT**

- Approved an increment of \$101,200 in Capital Improvement Project Receipts for the Administrative Services section to continue funding a network specialist to operate and maintain the Case Management System.

**BP CORROSION**

- Approved a one-time increment of \$3.5 million GF to continue the pursuit of claims against BP for penalties and lost revenues related to the 2006 Prudhoe Bay pipeline corrosion and maintenance problems which resulted in spills and lost oil production.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Report 1 - Agency Totals**

**Report 2 - Allocation Summary - Senate Structure**

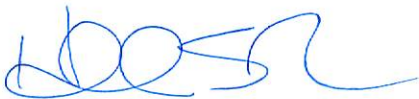
**Report 3 - Allocation Summary - Senate Structure (GF Only)**

**Report 4 - Transaction Compare - Gov Amend & Senate Subcommittee**

**Report 5 - Transaction Compare - House & Senate Subcommittee**

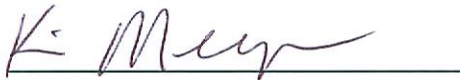
**Report 6 - Transaction Compare - Adjusted Base & Senate Subcommittee**

**Report 7 - Wordage**



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