

ALASKA COURT SYSTEM
FY2012 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT
February 25, 2011

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Rep. Bill Stoltze, Chair	Rep. Foster	Rep. Gatto
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Alaska Court System submits a recommended operating budget for FY2012 to the House Finance Committee as follows:

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$ 100,391.1
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$ 518.0
Other Funds	\$ 1,824.7
Federal Funds	\$ 1,675.6
TOTAL	\$ 104,409.4

BUDGET ACTION:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Alaska Court System held 3 meetings with the Department and analyzed all of the Governor's budget transactions. The following are budget action highlights:

- The Subcommittee recommends authorizing \$1048.0 less general funds and 3 less full-time positions than the Governor's Amended FY2012 request.
- The Subcommittee recommends a total increase from the FY2012 Adjusted Base of \$3,136.9 UGF and \$0 DGF for a total General Fund change of \$3,136. The change from Adjusted Base in Other Funds is \$1,070.2 and from Federal Funds is \$0. The total change from the Adjusted Base is \$4207.1 and 16 full-time positions.

Accepted

1. Trial Courts-No Dark Courtrooms \$934.8 GF

The “No Dark Courtrooms Initiative” is integral to the Court System’s long range plan to improve courtroom efficiencies and streamline proceedings

2. Trial Courts- Establish a District Court in Hooper Bay

Hooper Bay is the most populous community in the Fourth Judicial District without a resident judicial officer

3. Improve Handling of Cases involving Children \$276.1 UFG

Due to the complicated nature of child custody disputes, additional intervention funds were included to help families resolve their differences in a timelier manner and to conserve judicial resources.

AMENDMENT ACTION:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Alaska Court System had no Governor's budget amendments submitted.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Alaska Court System adopts the attached reports:

Subcommittee generated reports

Budget Action Worksheet

Legislative Finance Division Reports (Numbers Only) – House Structure

1. Agency Totals – FY2012 Operating Budget
2. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (All Funds)
3. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF)
4. Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and H Subcomm
5. Transaction Comparison between Gov Amd and H Subcomm
6. Wordage Report – FY2012 Operating Budget

Representative Bill Stoltze, Chair
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