

**ALASKA COURT SYSTEM**  
**FY2013 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT**  
**March 5, 2012**

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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Rep. Bill Stoltze, Chair	Rep. Foster	Rep. Gatto
Rep. Gruenberg	Rep. Kawasaki	Rep. Keller
Rep. Thomas		

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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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)	\$106,421.5
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$ 518.0
Other Funds	\$ 1,914.5
Federal Funds	\$ 1,675.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$110,529.6</b>

**BUDGET ACTION:**

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

- The Subcommittee recommends authorizing \$1678.4 more general funds and 6 more full-time positions.
- The Subcommittee recommends a total increase from the FY2012 Adjusted Base of \$1678.4 UGF and \$ 0 DGF for a total General Fund change of \$1678.4. The change from Adjusted Base in Other Funds is \$717.8 and from Federal Funds is \$0. The total change from the Adjusted Base is \$2396.2 and 6 full-time positions.

## **Accepted**

### **1. \$419.1 for the FY13 Geographic Differential nor Non-Judicial Employees**

In FY12, the Court system received funding for its employees equaling the geographic differentials being paid to employees working in the Supervisory Unit (SU) and General Government Unit (GGU). This increment would allow the FY13 differentials (ratified in the 2011 legislative session for the SU and GGU employees) to apply to court employees. Although paying the differential to Court System employee's results in parity between the court System employees and employees in the executive branch, it is not a contractual obligations.

### **2.488.4 UGF No Dark Court Rooms and 6 PFT positions.**

According to the Court System the "no dark Courtrooms Initiative" is integral to the Court System's Long range plan to improve courtroom efficiencies and streamline proceedings. This request will be used to hire six positions to provide an adequate number of in-court staff.

### **3.717.8 Various Therapeutic Courts / Mental Health Trust Authority Agency Receipts**

Six different increments the from the Governor's Budget proposal for the Alaska Court System were to be funded by the Mental Health Trust Authority.

## **Denied**

### **1. 3 positions in Administration&1 position in Trial Courts**

The Committee did not feel the additional positions were necessary for The Alaska Court System Operations.

## **AMENDMENT ACTION:**

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**There were no Governor's Amendments to the Alaska Court System's budget.**

**ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

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**ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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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 – FY2013 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 GovAmd and H Subcomm
6. Wordage Report – FY2013 Operating Budget

**Representative Bill Stoltze, Chair**  
**House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Alaska Court System**  
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