

Senate Finance Subcommittee

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Alaska Court System

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Alaska Court System submits an Operating Budget to the Senate Finance Committee for FY 13 as follows:

	FY12 Mgt Pln	FY13 Adj Base	Gov Amend+	Senate Subcom	House
Unrestricted GF	101,089.6	104,743.1	107,287.6	106,355.7	106,421.5
Designated GF	518.0	518.0	518.0	518.0	518.0
Other	2,106.0	1,196.7	1,914.5	1,914.5	1,914.5
Federal Funds	1,675.6	1,675.6	1,675.6	1,675.6	1,675.6
Total	105,389.2	108,133.4	111,395.7	110,463.8	110,529.6

Positions

PFTs	758	758	768	765	764
PPTs	48	48	48	47	48
Temps	21	21	21	21	21
Total Positions	827	827	837	833	833

The Subcommittee held four meetings with the Court System and took the following actions:

Budget Action

The subcommittee accepted the Governor's amended proposal with the following adjustments:

- Denied three requests for \$426.2 across the Court System for implementing an increased geographic pay differential. This is the second-largest increment request submitted, but is not a contractual obligation of the state, nor does funding it improve services to the public since the Court System has seen a drop in staff turnover in recent years.
- Denied requests in the appellate courts for furnishings and a staff attorney position upgrade.
- Denied a request for \$134.2 GF to add a second magistrate trainer.
- Denied \$175.0 GF for computer replacements. The Court system has sufficient funds in its base budget to replace its technology and the subcommittee commends the Court System's ongoing careful management.
- Denied a request to lease a new custom-built court space in Emmonak. The Emmonak location has not seen sustained caseload increases, and deficiencies in the existing space can be addressed with the landlord.

- Funded a request for \$50.0 GF/MH to continue the Anchorage Operator Without a License court, as a one-time item. The Court System should collect outcome and cost saving data to enable the legislature to further evaluate ongoing funding.
- Reduced a request for \$326.7 GF and three administrative positions to \$113.5 and one PFT for a contracts & leasing manager, Range 18A.
- Deleted one Permanent Part Time position added in FY 12. The Court System used domestic violence coordinator funds to expand the duties of an existing position.
- Added \$176.4 GF to pay the increased lease costs for the Nome Courthouse. This cost increase has been anticipated for several years, and is not avoidable until a new state office building is constructed in Nome.

Attached Reports

1. Agency Totals – FY 13 Operating Budget – Senate Structure
2. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF) – Senate Structure
3. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (all funds) – Senate Structure
4. Transaction Comparison (Adj. Base and Senate Subcom)
5. Transaction Comparison (Gov. Amd and Senate Subcom)
6. Transaction Comparison (House and Senate Subcom)
7. Wordage Report – FY 13 Operating Budget – Senate Structure

Respectfully submitted,



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