



## House Finance Subcommittee on the Department of Environmental Conservation Budget Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget Action Narrative Report

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The House Finance Subcommittee on the Department of Environmental Conservation Budget submits an operating budget for Fiscal Year 2014 as follows:

### Funding Sources (Numbers in thousands)

Unrestricted general funds (UGF)	\$21,784.5
Designated general funds (DGF)	\$26,895.2
Other funds	\$11,199.2
<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>\$24,938.7</u>
Total	\$84,817.6

### Positions

Permanent Full Time (PFT)	552
Permanent Part Time (PPT)	0
<u>Temporary</u>	<u>7</u>
Total positions	559

### Budget Action

The House Finance Subcommittee on the Department of Environmental Conservation Budget held four meetings. Each agency division provided excellent and forthright presentations on missions, core services, performance measures, accomplishments, challenges, budget trends since Fiscal Year 2005, the status of Fiscal Year 2013 budget changes, the Fiscal Year 2014 budget request, tsunami debris relief, the status of the Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Prevention and Response Fund, and more.

The subcommittee accepted the Governor's amended proposal – including \$145,200 UGF for administrative core services relating to risk management, personnel, information services, and other related costs – with the following adjustments:

- **Environmental Health appropriation, Drinking Water allocation** – Accept half of the increment to allow the agency to implement two new drinking water rules under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Total cost: **\$175,000 UGF**.
- **Water appropriation, Water Quality allocation** – Accept half of an increment to help the agency, under the Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, to assume responsibility for oil and gas wastewater discharge permitting from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Total cost: **\$271,500 UGF, \$7,000 DGF. New position: one PFT.**

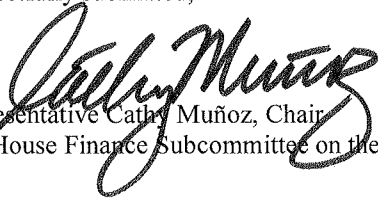
**Total costs: \$453,500 – one half of the Governor's \$907,000 request.**

**Attached Reports (Numbers Only)**

The House Finance Subcommittee on the Department of Environmental Conservation Budget adopts the attached reports that relate to the House Structure:

1. Budget Action Worksheet – 2013 Legislature – Operating Budget – House Structure
2. Agency Totals
3. Allocation Summary (All Funds)
4. Allocation Summary (General Funds)
5. Transaction Comparison between Adjusted Base and House Subcommittee
6. Transaction Comparison between Governor's Amended Request and House Subcommittee
7. Wordage Report – Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget

Respectfully submitted,



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