



28<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature  
House Finance Subcommittee  
Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs  
FY 14 Operating Budget

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**Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs FY2014**

House Finance Budget Subcommittee Narrative Report

February 25, 2013

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs submits a recommended operating budget for FY2014 to the House Finance Committee as follows:

<b>Fund Source:</b>	(In thousands of dollars)
Unrestricted General Funds	19,169.3
Designated General Funds	28.4
Other Funds	16,599.4
Federal Funds	25,200.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,997.9</b>

**BUDGET ACTION:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs held five meetings with the department. The subcommittee reviewed missions and measures, prior and current years' budgets and increments and the department's 10-year plan. The subcommittee reviewed FY2013 and FY2014 spending requests and took the following actions:

Accepted the Governor's amended proposal with the following adjustments:

**Office of the Commissioner**

- \*Approve Base Realignment & Closure Impact funding as a temporary increment.  
[FY14-FY18, five years].

**Homeland Security & Emergency Management**

- \*Reduce the request for catastrophic disaster response equipment maintenance funding from \$170.0 UGF to \$120.0 UGF.  
[HS&EM have new generators and did not need full funding to maintain.]

## **Veterans' Services**

\*Deny the request for \$150.0 UGF funding increase for veterans' outreach expansion.

*[Veterans' Outreach was funded for \$100.0 UGF this year.]*

\*Deny the request for \$75.0 UGF for operational costs for the Interior Alaska Cemetery.

*[The cemetery has no operational costs at this time.]*

## **Alaska Aerospace Corporation**

\*Reduce Alaska Aerospace's request for \$8.0 million UGF to \$5.0 million UGF for sustained operations and maintenance.

*[Alaska Aerospace may request supplemental next year, if needed.]*

## **Alaska National Guard Benefits**

\*Eliminate \$80.0 UGF for Alaska National Guard educational benefits.

*[Redundancy in benefits. Service members use TSP from U of A funded at \$400.0 UGF.]*

## **Air Guard Facilities Maintenance**

\*Reduce the Air Guard Facilities Maintenance for the STARBASE program from \$85.0 UGF to \$35.0 UGF.

*[STARBASE program received more federal funding this year.]*

The Subcommittee recommends accepting all the other Governor's FY 2014 requests.

## **Attached Reports:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs adopts the attached reports:

### **Subcommittee generated reports**

1. Budget Action Worksheet

### **Legislative Finance Division Reports – House Structure**

- 1) Agency Totals – FY 2014 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 – FY 2014 Operating Budget



Representative Steve Thompson, Chair

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