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NARRATIVE CLOSE-OUT REPORT

March 19, 2013

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety submits a recommended operating budget for FY2014 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows:

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$176,223.3
Designated General Funds (DGF)	6,417.0
Other Funds	15,306.7
Federal Funds	10,843.5
TOTAL	<u><u>\$208,790.5</u></u>

BUDGET ACTION:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety held 5 meetings with the Department and analyzed all of the Governor's budget transactions. Following are budget highlights.

Governor's Amended Budget Request:

Accepted the Governor's Amended Budget Request except for 2 items:

- \$594.4 of GF and 3 positions for new troopers for a Sex Trafficking Investigative Unit; and
- \$232.8 of GF for training and equipment for the new troopers requested for the Sex Trafficking Investigative Unit.

These new troopers are not needed given that there was not a single sex trafficking investigation in the last year.

Sub-Committee Additions, Reductions and Changes:

Added \$120.0 of GF to increase the grant directed to the Victims for Justice, and added intent stating that is what the addition is for.

Intent and Conditional Language:

Included is conditional language for several components in the department allowing them to carry forward receipts into the next year.

Intent is also included stating that no funds may be expended assisting federal employees in enforcing the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 USC 1361-1421h) as it relates to sea otters.

Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program:

For the last several years, since the Senate Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Task Force completed its work and provided recommendations for how to improve the program, 15 VPSOs and support have been added to the program yearly. New Troopers for VPSO oversight have also been added. Recently there has been a high vacancy and turnover rate of VPSOs. The sub-committee very much supports VPSOs and wants to see a strong program.

Intent was added to the Village Public Safety Officer Program:

- to have the department work with VPSO grantees to determine how their unmet needs can be met and funded with VPSO program funds; and
- to have them use any anticipated saving from VPSO vacancies and turnover to reinvest in the program to make it stronger.

We continue hearing from VPSOs, VPSO grantees, and from rural communities around the state, that things like equipment, office space, holding cells, housing, training, and other items are sorely needed, or are sorely in need of replacement or repair. We want to give the department time to work with the VPSO grantees to determine why they are recently experiencing high vacancy and turnover, and what can be done to stem that curve and make the program stronger for the safety and well-being of our Alaskans living in the rural areas of the state. The intent we added should make it clear that we want the program to be strong, and to use the funds provided in ways that will strengthen the program.

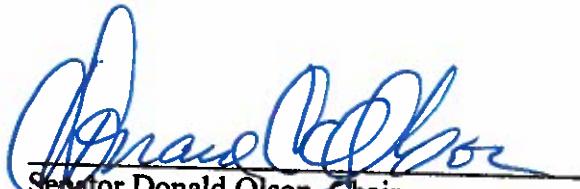
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It is our intention to allow Legislative Finance to do technical adjustments if any are needed.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety adopts the attached reports:

- Budget Action Worksheet
- Agency Totals – FY2014 Operating Budget
- Appropriation/Allocation Summary (All Funds)
- Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF)
- Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and S Subcomm
- Transaction Comparison between Gov Amd and S Subcomm
- Transaction Comparison between S Subcomm and H Subcomm
- Wordage



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