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Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee
Department of Education and Early Development
FY15 Operating Budget

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT
FY15 SENATE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT
March 17, 2014**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development submits a recommended operating budget (numbers only) for FY2015 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows:

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$ 57,619.4
Designated General Funds (DGF)	28,331.8
Other Funds	26,887.6
Federal Funds	233,890.6
TOTAL	\$346,729.4 *

* The total includes all programs funded in the numbers section of the budget bill, including Boarding Home Grants, Youth in Detention and Special Schools.

BUDGET ACTION:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development held four meetings with the department and reviewed the Governor's Amended Budget Request. The following are budget action highlights and recommendations:

Accepted the Governor's Amended Budget Request, including the following:

- Boarding Home Grants - \$961.3 (Increase for four new residential programs)
- Pre-Kindergarten Grants - \$2,000.0 (Removed OTI)
- Alaska Performance Scholarship - \$4,500.0 (Increase \$3,000.0 for APS and \$1,500.0 for AEG)
- Alaska Military Youth Academy - <\$4,791.4> (Transfer to DMVA)
- Agency Operations Efficiency Reductions - <\$646.8>UGF

Recommended the following changes to the Governor's Amended Budget Request:

- Eliminate UGF funding for the TerraNova Assessment (\$300.0)
- Eliminate UGF funding for the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination (\$2,700.0)
- Eliminate UGF funding for Alaska Mineral and Energy Resource Education Fund (AMEREF) Grant (\$100.0)
- Fund the Alaska Learning Network (\$1,100.0) as OTI and add the following intent: *"It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Education and Early Development, in cooperation with the University of Alaska Southeast, develop a plan to make the Alaska Learning Network self-sustainable and report their progress to the finance committees by the first day of the Twenty-ninth Alaska State Legislature. In addition, the Department shall monitor the coursework delivered by the University of Alaska Southeast through the Alaska Learning Network to ensure the coursework will reduce the need for remediation for incoming freshmen who have participated in this program.*
- Reduce Statewide Mentoring Program UGF funding (\$700.0)
- Adopt Intent as follows: *"It is the intent of the legislature that no later than FY2016, the Professional Teaching Practices Commission be entirely funded by receipts collected from teacher certification fees under AS 14.20.020 (c)."*

Attachments as follows:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development adopts the attached reports:

Subcommittee generated reports

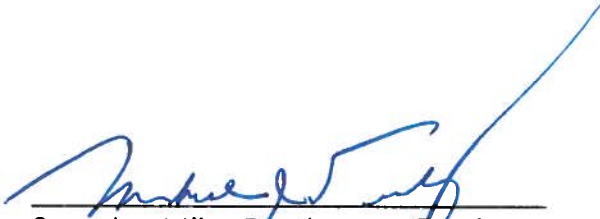
Budget Action Worksheet

Legislative Finance Division Reports – Senate Structure (Numbers Only)

1. Agency Totals – FY2015 Operating Budget
2. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (All Funds)
3. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF)

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4. Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and S Subcomm
5. Transaction Comparison between Gov Amd and S Subcomm
6. Transaction Comparison between House and S Subcomm
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