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	Column	Trans Type	Total Expenditure	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants	Misc	PFT	PPT	TMP
Criminal Division													
First Judicial District													
Victim Witness Paralegal in Juneau	16Gov	Inc	140.0	121.4	0.6	16.3	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	1	0	0
<p><i>The Criminal Division victim witness paralegals are the staff members most frequently in contact with the victim or witness and ensure a good relationship is maintained. These types of cases are very difficult to prosecute without the support of the victim and gaining their trust and support is paramount to a successful prosecution. The addition of a victim witness paralegal to this district will enable the attorneys to better prosecute domestic violence and sexual assault cases. This paralegal will also better assist in meeting the division's constitutional requirements of notification to all victims in all cases including domestic violence and sexual assault.</i></p> <p><i>This is one of three victim witness paralegal positions added in the Criminal Division to be located in Palmer, Fairbanks and Juneau. The ratio of attorneys to paralegals range between 4 attorneys to 1 paralegal and 2.25 attorneys to 1 paralegal. The number of cases that each paralegal is carrying in these offices is stunning; from 1,652 at the high end to 1,244 at the low end. In Fairbanks, that ratio is 3.5:1 and the current paralegal caseload is 1,253.</i></p>													
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)			140.0										
* Allocation Difference *			140.0	121.4	0.6	16.3	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	1	0	0
Third Judicial District: Anchorage													
MH Trust: Dis Justice - Grant 3503 Training for Therapeutic Court Clinical Staff	16Gov	IncOTI	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0	0	0
<p><i>This funding will provide continued professional training to existing Therapeutic Court teams (judges, attorneys, clinical case coordinators). The focus of the training will be on issues surrounding the intersection of substance abuse, mental health and criminal justice systems and the use of evidence based practices to improve treatment outcomes and reduce criminal recidivism.</i></p>													
1092 MHTAAR (Other)			15.0										
* Allocation Difference *			15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0	0	0
Third Judicial District: Outside Anchorage													
Victim Witness Paralegal in Palmer	16Gov	Inc	140.0	121.4	0.6	16.3	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	1	0	0
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Fourth Judicial District													
Victim Witness Paralegal in Fairbanks	16Gov	Inc	140.0	121.4	0.6	16.3	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	1	0	0
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* Allocation Difference *			140.0	121.4	0.6	16.3	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	1	0	0
** Appropriation Difference **			435.0	364.2	1.8	48.9	3.9	1.2	0.0	15.0	3	0	0
Civil Division													
Child Protection													
Victim Witness Paralegal in Bethel	16Gov	Inc	140.0	121.4	0.6	16.3	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	1	0	0
<p><i>This paralegal will assist the two child protective services attorneys located in Bethel. These attorneys have no paralegal, although their 90 case per attorney workload is numerically equivalent to child protection attorneys in offices with full paralegal support. One of the challenges that can make cases in Bethel more labor intensive than in other offices is that almost all actions in Bethel proceed under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) which requires more proof than would otherwise be necessary, including testimony by an expert in Alaska Native culture about the factual issues of the case. If the requirements of ICWA are not met, the child, parents, or tribe may ask the court to vacate its orders and begin new proceedings.</i></p> <p><i>Because they have no paralegal, the attorneys in the Bethel office must gather all relevant documents from multiple sources, review and redact all discovery, write termination and guardianship petitions, prepare all motions, locate and prepare fact and expert witnesses, prepare subpoenas, prepare exhibit lists, compile and label exhibits -- functions that would normally be fully or partially delegated to a skilled but lower-paid paralegal. Bethel attorneys perform these functions in addition to the regular court hearings and meetings required on an ongoing basis in Child in Need of Aid (CINA) cases.</i></p> <p><i>Although the section attempts to support the Bethel office with paralegals from other geographic areas of the state, long-distance services are not wholly effective and siphon resources needed in the other geographic areas. The amount of preparation time required of the attorneys can result in cases not proceeding as quickly as they should. At times, important trials that should allow children in the system to find permanent homes have had to be delayed to allow sufficient time for preparation.</i></p>													
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Civil Division (continued)													
Oil, Gas and Mining													
Restore Legal Services to Support Oversight of Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Project	16Gov	IncM	1,500.0	0.0	0.0	1,500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
<i>The Department of Law, Oil, Gas and Mining section attorneys and specialized outside counsel advise the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Project office, Governor's Office and the commissioners of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Department of Revenue (DOR) to construct a gas treatment plant, gas pipeline and a liquid natural gas (LNG) plant to transport Alaska North Slope gas to markets in and out of Alaska.</i>													
<i>The department continues to work closely with the Governor's Office and the Departments of Natural Resources and Revenue to provide legal assistance in advancing the project under the authority provided in SB 138 (passed in 2014) relating to proposed commercial agreements and federal regulatory filings, upstream gas balancing and supply agreements, lease modifications, marketing of LNG, matters related to fiscal certainty, confidentiality issues and analysis of constitutional and other state law issues.</i>													
<i>FY2015 funding is provided by a one-time appropriation to Law (\$1.5 million) and reimbursable services agreements (RSA) with DNR and DOR. In addition, the department is working closely with the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation which they are funding in FY2015 through unbudgeted RSAs.</i>													
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)			1,500.0										
Restore Outside Counsel for Specialized Expertise in Oil, Gas and Mining Issues	16Gov	IncM	3,800.0	0.0	0.0	3,800.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
<i>Restore one-time funding in FY2015.</i>													
<i>The Oil, Gas and Mining Section represents the Department of Revenue and the Department of Natural Resources in disputes relating to the collection of oil and gas taxes and royalties, using both department personnel and outside counsel. This appropriation will fund contracts with outside counsel and consultant experts having expertise in specialized oil, gas and mining issues. The areas to be funded include Pipeline Tariff Proceedings (\$1,270.0M); Taxes (\$1,400.0M); Royalty Reopeners (\$1,230.0M); and Point Thomson litigation/settlement (\$100.0M).</i>													
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)			3,800.0										
* Allocation Difference *			5,300.0	0.0	0.0	5,300.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
** Appropriation Difference **			5,440.0	121.4	0.6	5,316.3	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	1	0	0
Agency Unallocated Appropriation													
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FY2016 Target Reduction	16Gov	Unalloc	-970.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-970.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)			-970.0										
* Allocation Difference *			-970.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-970.0	0	0	0
** Appropriation Difference **			-970.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-970.0	0	0	0
*** Agency Difference ***			4,905.0	485.6	2.4	5,365.2	5.2	1.6	0.0	-955.0	4	0	0
**** All Agencies Difference ****			4,905.0	485.6	2.4	5,365.2	5.2	1.6	0.0	-955.0	4	0	0

Column Definitions

16Adj Base (FY16 Adjusted Base) - FY2015 Management Plan less one-time items, plus FY2016 adjustments for position counts, funding transfers, line item transfers, temporary increments (IncT) from prior years, and additions for statewide items (risk management and most salary and benefit increases). The Adjusted Base is the "first cut" of the FY2016 budget; it is the base to which the Governor's and the Legislature's increments, decrements, and fund changes are added.

16Gov (FY16 Governor Request) - Includes FY2016 Adjusted Base plus the Governor's operating budget bill requests for increases (increments), decreases (decrements), fund source changes, and language transactions.