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Department of Education and Early Development
FY16 Operating Budget

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT
FY2016 SENATE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT
March 27, 2015**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development submits a recommended operating budget (numbers only) for FY2016 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows:

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$ 50,223.3
Designated General Funds (DGF)	35,510.4
Other Funds	25,038.2
Federal Funds	232,003.7

TOTAL

\$342,775.6

Positions:

Permanent Full-Time	328
Permanent Part-Time	15
Temporary	15
Total	358

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from the FY15 Management Plan to the Senate Subcommittee budget recommendation is a reduction of \$18,949.9, a 27.4% reduction.

BUDGET ACTION:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development held three meetings with the Department. The Subcommittee reviewed the FY16 budget request and took the following action:

Accepted several and denied two of the Governor's FY16 Operating Budget, as amended, proposal which include these highlights.

- Accepted an increase of \$3,000.0 Designated General Funds to the Public School Trust Fund as revenues were higher than projected to the Public School Trust Fund.
- Accepted a decrease of \$300.0 Unrestricted General Funds for the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program.
- Accepted a decrease of \$303.9 Unrestricted General Funds to the Professional Teaching Practices Commission as this professional board will be funded by professional licensing fees in 2016.
- Accepted an increase of \$200.0 Unrestricted General Funds for one-time to State Facilities Rent for dual occupancy in March – July during the move to the new State Library, Archives and Museum facility
- Denied \$736.1 Unrestricted General Funds for a new residential program in the Lower Kuskokwim School District and to expand the program in the Nenana School District.
- Denied \$359.0 ASLC Receipts (Other Funds) for the ANSWERS (Alaska Navigator: Statewide Workforce and Education-Related Statistics), a statewide longitudinal data system.
- Accepted an increase of \$500.0 Designated General Funds for the Alaska Performance Scholarships (merit) based on anticipated growth in the program.
- Accepted an increase of \$250.0 Designated General Funds for the Education Grants Program (need) based on anticipated growth in the program.
- Adopted a funding change that clearly shows that the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education operates on revenue generating by the Alaska Student Loan Corporation.

In addition to the acceptance of the previous proposals, the Subcommittee recommends the following action:

- Decrease \$75.0 Unrestricted General Funds to AMEREF, a resource learning kit, leaving \$25.0 in the program.
- Decrease \$150.0 Unrestricted General Funds for the Statewide Literacy Program, eliminating the program.
- Decrease \$1,000.0 Unrestricted General Funds for the second year of STEM grant funds to the Southeast Regional Resource Center, eliminating the program.

- Decrease \$850.0 Unrestricted General Funds for the Alaska Learning Network, eliminating the program.
- Decrease \$1,000.0 Unrestricted General Funds in addition to the \$300.0 decrease recommended in the Governor's budget for the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program, leaving \$1,660.0 state support for the program.
- Decrease \$5,000.0 Unrestricted General Funds for the Broadband Program, a program established in FY15, eliminating the extra subsidy for school districts to obtain 10 megabit of broadband.
- Decrease \$1,100.0 Unrestricted General Funds for the Statewide Mentoring Program, eliminating the Coaches Mentor Program for principals.
- Decrease \$320.0 Unrestricted General Funds for the K-3 Literacy Project, eliminating the program.
- Decrease \$307.5 Unrestricted General Funds for Parents as Teachers, eliminating current state support for the early childhood education program.
- Decrease \$2,000.0 Unrestricted General Funds for Pre-K Grants, eliminating the early childhood program.
- Decrease \$937.5 Unrestricted General Funds for Best Beginnings, eliminating state support for the early childhood education program.
- Add \$320.0 Unrestricted General Funds as unallocated appropriation for Early Literacy, Pre-K Grants, Parents as Teachers, or Best Beginnings.
- Decrease \$80.4 Unrestricted General Funds, a 10 percent reduction, to the Alaska State Council on the Arts, leaving \$740.5 Unrestricted General Funds in the Council's budget.
- Decrease \$422.5 Unrestricted General Funds to Libraries, Archives and Museums, leaving \$7,738.1 Unrestricted General Funds in the division.
- Decrease \$761.8 Unrestricted General Funds for the Online with Libraries Program, eliminating the program.
- Decrease \$138.2 Unrestricted General Funds for Live Homework Help, eliminating the program.
- Decrease \$414.0 Unrestricted General Funds for WorkKeys; assessment funded in FY09 as well as in a FY15 Fiscal Note.
- Decrease \$100.0 Unrestricted General Funds in Special Schools, leaving \$3,582.4 Unrestricted General Funds in Special Schools.
- Decrease \$400.0 Unrestricted General Funds in the Personal Services and Services line in Teaching and Learning Support leaving \$21,283.0 Unrestricted General Funds in the division.

- Switch fund source for \$2,964.8 Unrestricted General Funds for the WWAMI program to the Higher Education Investment Fund receipts, without intent language.
- Decrease \$700.0 ASLC Receipts (Other Funds) for ANSWERS, (Alaska Navigator: Statewide Workforce and Education-Related Statistics), a longitudinal data base.
- Decrease \$ 225.0 ASLC Receipts (Other Funds) for Outreach Efforts by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, leaving \$9,008.2 in Program Administration and Operations.
- Add intent language to read as follows: "It is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Student Loan Corporation reduce operating expenditures by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education with the goal of generating a dividend to the state in FY17."

ATTACHED REPORTS:

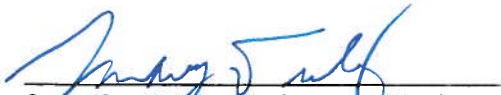
The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development adopts the attached reports:

Subcommittee generated reports

Budget Action Worksheet

Legislative Finance Division Reports – Senate Structure (Numbers Only)

1. Agency Totals – Senate Structure
2. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (All Funds)
3. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF)
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
7. Wordage



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