



29<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature  
House Finance Budget Subcommittee  
Department of Law  
FY 17 Operating Budget

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**  
**FY2017 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE**  
**REPORT**  
**February 23, 2016**

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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Rep. Dan Saddler, Chair      Rep. Jim Colver      Rep. Les Gara  
Rep. Andy Josephson      Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux      Rep. Louise Stutes  
Rep. Liz Vazquez

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law submits a recommended operating budget for FY2017 to the House Finance Committee as follows:

**Fund Source:** (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$49,876.8
Designated General Funds (DGF)	3,520.7
Other Funds	48,115.6
Federal Funds	1,020.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$102,533.2</b>

The total difference from FY16 Management Plan to the House Subcommittee budget recommendation is an increase of \$15,206.2, which is a 17.4 percent change.

**Positions:**

Permanent Full-time	544
Permanent Part-time	1
Temporary	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>545</b>

**BUDGET ACTION:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law held 2 meetings with the department. The subcommittee reviewed the FY2017 Governor's amended budget request.

Budget action highlights include:

- (\$803.2) UGF reduction to Criminal, Civil and Administrative Services for mandatory furloughs and savings as a result of attrition – cuts 4 PFTs – subcommittee required distribution of the unallocated by component;
- (\$340.0) UGF reduction to Criminal Division – cuts 2 PFTs by anticipated attrition (closing the Dillingham office) – subcommittee rejected the Governor's amendment to add back these funds;
- Refused \$318.7 UGF increment to add funds to the Office of Special Prosecutions and fill 5 vacant positions;
- Accepted Governor's \$2.5 million UGF for outside counsel for specialized expertise in Oil, Gas and Mining issues - (\$500.0) UGF reduction from FY16;
- Accepted \$17.5 million I/A receipts for Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Project outside counsel – funding from the Departments of Natural Resources and Revenue;
- \$875.0 DGF increase - \$600.0 DGF RCA (fund source change), \$225.0 DGF AOGCC and \$50.0 DGF Tobacco Cessation

**ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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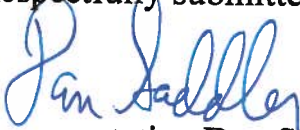
The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law adopts the attached reports:

**2016 Legislative Finance Division Reports – FY17 House Structure**

- A. Multi-year Agency Totals – FY2017 Operating Budget
- B. Multi-year Allocation Summary (All Funds)
- C. Multi-year Allocation Summary (UGF Only)
- D. Transaction Compare between Adjusted Base (17Adj Base) and House Subcommittee (H Sub)
- E. Transaction Compare between Governor Amended (FY17 Gov Amd) and House Subcommittee (H Sub)
- F. Wordage Report – FY2017 Operating

The Budget Action Worksheet is attached for informational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



Representative Dan Saddler, Chair

House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law

**Department of Law**  
**FY2015 to FY2016 Comparison**

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>FY2015</u> <u>Mgt Plan</u>	<u>FY2016</u> <u>Enacted</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Difference</u>
Unrestricted General Fund	\$61,275.3	\$53,045.6	-\$8,229.7	-13.4%
Designated General Fund	\$2,727.9	\$2,645.7	-\$82.2	-3.0%
Other	\$30,393.9	\$30,615.6	\$221.7	0.7%
Federal	<u>\$1,004.3</u>	<u>\$1,020.1</u>	<u>\$15.8</u>	<u>1.6%</u>
Total	\$95,401.4	\$87,327.0	-\$8,074.4	-8.5%

<u>Budgeted Positions</u>	<u>FY2015</u> <u>Mgt Plan</u>	<u>FY2016</u> <u>Enacted</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Difference</u>
Permanent Full-Time	572	553	-19	-3.3%

<u>Filled Positions</u>	<u>Dec 2014</u> <u>Employees</u>	<u>July 2015</u> <u>Employees</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Difference</u>
Permanent Full-Time	549	496	-53	-9.7%
Permanent Part-Time	1	1	0	0.0%
Non-Permanent	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-4</u>	<u>-80.0%</u>
Total	555	498	-57	-10.3%

**Notable Changes**

- A large portion of Law's reduction (\$3.6 million) is the reversal of one-time funding for special litigation and a reduction of the restoration of one-time funding for oil and gas matters.
- The remaining reductions are related to across the board expenditure reductions and eliminating 14 positions through attrition. Eliminating attorney and support positions will have impact on crime prosecution and protecting state resources. The DA office in Barrow is closed and cases from that region are now being prosecuted in Fairbanks.