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Department of Law
FY17 Operating Budget

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW
FY2017 SENATE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT
March 1, 2016

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$ 49,176.8
Designated General Funds (DGF)	3,520.7
Other Funds	48,115.6
Federal Funds	1,020.1

TOTAL **\$101,833.2**

BUDGET ACTION:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law held 2 meetings with the Department and analyzed the Governor's amended budget. The following are budget action highlights:

Did not accept the following:

- Civil Division – Legal Services and Oversight of Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Pipeline Project (\$700.0) UGF/LNG
- Criminal Division – Criminal Appeals Special Litigation (\$318.7) UGF
- Governor's amendment restoring the closing of the Criminal Division / Third Judicial District Dillingham Office \$340.0 UGF

Accepted the following:

- Mandatory Furloughs for Exempt/Partially-Exempt Employees and Savings as a result of Attrition (\$803.2) UGF and (4) PFT Positions

- Outside Counsel for Specialized Expertise in Oil, Gas and Mining Issues relating to taxes and royalty reopeners, as well as pipeline tariff proceedings \$2,500.0 UGF (IncOTI)
- Governor's Amendment Civil Division – Tobacco Cessation Caseload Increase \$50.0 DGF

Aside from the changes above, the subcommittee recommends funding the Department of Law's budget as presented – including the spread of anticipated unallocated reductions to particular components.

The subcommittee also recommends that if the Administration provides detailed information and identifies specific areas of advancement and progress in the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Project as outlined in Senate Bill 138 (2014) prior to the passage of the FY17 Operating Budget, the requests for additional funding for work to advance this project should be appropriated through an extension of the funds appropriated to the Department of Law in the Third Special Session of 2015 (Sec. 2, Ch. 1, TSSLA 2015, pg. 1, ln. 11).

ATTACHED REPORTS:

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

Subcommittee generated reports

Budget Action Worksheet

Legislative Finance Division Reports – Senate Structure (Numbers Only)

1. Multi-year Agency Totals – FY2017 Operating Budget
2. Multi-year Appropriation/Allocation Summary (All Funds)
3. Multi-year Appropriation/Allocation Summary (UGF)
4. Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and Senate Subcomm
5. Transaction Comparison between Gov Amd and Senate Subcomm
6. Wordage



Senator Anna MacKinnon, Chair

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