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30th Alaska State Legislature House Finance Budget Subcommittee Department of Environmental Conservation FY18 Operating Budget

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FY2018 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT February 23, 2017

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation held five meetings with the Department during the review of the FY18 budget request.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Chair of the House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation recommends that the House Finance Committee accept the Governor's FY18 budget without further amendment:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

| Total | \$81,888.2 |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Federal Funds | \$23,896.6 |
| Other Funds | \$12,801.5 |
| Designated General Funds (DGF) | \$29,892.2 |
| Unrestricted General Funds (UGF) | \$15,297.9 |

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY15 Management Plan to the FY18 Governor Amended budget is a reduction of \$7.2 million, a decrease of 31.9 percent.

Positions:

| Permanent Full-time | 488 |
|---------------------|-----|
| Permanent Part-time | 0 |
| Temporary | 1 |
| Total | 489 |

Statutory Change Proposals:

The following <u>statutory recommendation</u> is also submitted to the House Finance Committee for consideration.

For Consideration by House Resources Committee:

 Amend AS 44.46.020, AS 44.46.025, AS 37.10.052, AS 37.10.054, AS 37.10.056, and AS 37.10.058 to authorize and/or change permitting, permit fees, fees, and fee structures. This change is important because it would enable the Department of Environmental Conservation to capture and collect fees associated with the costs of regulated inspections and permits, including fees identified in the Legislative Finance Division 2017 Indirect Expenditure Report.

This recommendation was approved without objection.

GOVERNOR'S AMENDMENTS:

The Governor did not submit any amendments for this agency.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation adopts the attached report:

- Allocation Summary Report (All Funds) Between FY2018 Governor and House Subcommittee (HSub)
- o Multi-Year Agency Totals FY18 House Structure

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Neal Foster, Chair

House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation