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30th Alaska State Legislature House Finance Budget Subcommittee Department of Transportation & Public Facilities FY18 Operating Budget

# HOUSE FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE FY2018 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT February 23, 2017

# **SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities held 10 meetings with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities during the review of the FY18 budget request.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Chair of the House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Transportation submits a recommended operating budget for FY2018 to the House Finance Committee as follows:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)	
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$145,712.6
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$127,113.6
Other Funds	\$311,183.7
Federal Funds	<u>\$2,045.3</u>
Total	\$586,055.2

The Unrestricted General Fund (UGF) difference from the FY2015 Management Plan to the FY2018 House Subcommittee budget recommendation is a reduction of <\$132,8992.0>, a 47.7% decrease. The Subcommittee recommendation reflects a total decrease in Unrestricted General Funds of <\$72,623.5>, a 33.3% reduction from the FY2017 Management Plan

#### **Positions:**

Permanent Full-time	2,915
Permanent Part-time	350
Temporary	168
Total	3,433

# **STATUTORY CHANGE PROPOSALS:**

The following statutory change recommendations are also submitted to the House Finance Committee for consideration:

For Consideration by House Transportation Committee:

- The subcommittee recommends legislation to amend AS 23.40.210 to replace Cost of Living Differential (COLD) to the widely utilized Geographical Differential (GeoDif).
- 2) Review all 14 Indirect Expenditures listed in the Legislative Finance Division January 2017 Report to evaluate whether they meet the purpose and intent of the Legislature as defined throughout Section 19.65.050.

## **GOVERNOR'S AMENDMENTS:**

The subcommittee chair recommends that the House Finance Committee consider approval of the following attached amendments from the Governor:

- 1) Accept the Governor's Alaska Care Rate Increase for Alaska Marine Highway System Revised Estimate, \$241.4 DGF (1076 Marine Hwy)
- 2) Accept all the Governor's Reverse Prior Request: Delete Federal Program Positions
- 3) Deny all the Governor's Delete Capital Program Positions

## **ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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

- 1) Allocation Summary Report (All Funds) Between FY2018 Governor and House Subcommittee (HSub)
- 2) Transaction Detail Report House Structure (HSub Amends), including Governor Amendments
- 3) Multi-year Agency Totals Operating Budget FY18 House Structure

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Neal Foster, Chair

House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities