



30th Alaska State Legislature
House Finance Budget Subcommittee
Department of Natural Resources FY19 Operating Budget

SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT
February 23rd, 2018

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: (in alpha order)

Rep. David Guttenberg, Chair	Rep. Birch	Rep. Drummond
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Rep. Tarr	Rep. Tuck (Alt)	

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources held ten meetings with the department during the review of the FY19 budget request.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Chair of the House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources recommends that the House Finance Committee accept the Department of Natural Resources FY19 Amended Budget with further amendment(s):

The budget with amendment totals:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$57,683.3
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$32,793.3
Other Funds	\$35,775.5
Federal Funds	\$16,644.3
Total	\$142,896.4

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY15 Management Plan to the FY19 House Subcommittee Recommended budget is a reduction of \$28.972 million, a decrease of 33.4 percent.

Positions:

Permanent Full-time	625
Permanent Part-time	215
Temporary	62
Total	902

The following budget amendments are submitted by the subcommittee chair to the House Finance Committee for consideration:

#2 Mental Health Trust Lands

DEPARTMENT: Department of Natural Resources

APPROPRIATION: Administration & Support Services

ALLOCATION: Mental Health Trust Lands Administration

ADD: \$326.0 MHTAAR (1092)

EXPLANATION: Restoring to previous level \$355.0 of authority subtracting merit increase of \$29.2

#3 Northern Regions Permits Position

DEPARTMENT: Finance Department of Natural Resources

APPROPRIATION: Fire Suppression, Land & water Resources

ALLOCATION: Mining, Land & water

ADD: \$107.0 UGF (1004)

POSITIONS: Add 1 PFT Position

EXPLANATION: Add back \$107.0 and 1 PFT position for Northern Region Permits and Easements, which were deleted in the Governor's budget.

#4 Pittman-Robertson Fund

DEPARTMENT: Department of Natural Resources

APPROPRIATION: Parks & Outdoor Recreation

ALLOCATION: Parks Management & Access

ADD: \$21.0 Vehicle Rental Taxes (1200) and \$63.0 Interagency Receipts (1007). IncT (FY19-FY21)

ADD POSITIONS: 1 Non-Permanent Position

EXPLANATION: Both Fish and Game and the Division of Parks have wildlife-related projects that would be eligible for funding.

#5 Compensatory Mitigation Program

APPROPRIATION: Administration & Support Services

ALLOCATION: Office of Project Management & Permitting

DELETE: \$100,000 UGF, fund code 1004

POSITIONS: No changes

EXPLANATION: This amendment reduces the base budget amount from \$200,000 to \$100,000.

#8 Governor's Proposed Geospatial Funding

APPROPRIATION: Administration & Support Services

ALLOCATION: Office of Project Management & Permitting

ADD: \$100.0

POSITIONS: No changes

EXPLANATION: This increment will primarily maintain access to statewide satellite imagery, which is one of the seven core data layers the AGC provides access to.

OTHER INFORMATION:

The Subcommittee discussed a variety of issues during the meetings. Those that I have not put forward for consideration by the House Finance Committee include, but are not limited to: (don't list every item but do include the major topics/proposals that were discussed)

1. An amendment proposal was discussed that would have reduced funding for oil & Gas in the allocation to match FY17 actual spending under 1108, adjusted for inflation of 2.2%.
2. An amendment proposal was viewed but not discussed that would have increased Fire Preparedness by \$700,000 Funds to cover the increased costs of aviation contracts for air tankers and helicopters necessary to be prepared to fight fires.

ATTACHED REPORT:

Transaction Detail, Allocation Summary & Multi Year Allocation Summary – House Structure Amendments Recommended by Subcommittee

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Guttenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "G".

Representative David Guttenberg, Chair
House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources