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SENATE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT
FY2019 SENATE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education & Early Development submits a recommended operating budget for FY2019 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows:

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$ 43,595.9
Designated General Funds (DGF)	26,077.1
Other Funds	46,462.0
Federal Funds	251,090.2

TOTAL \$367,225.2

BUDGET ACTION:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education & Early Development received an agency budget overview on February 13, 2018 and held a final meeting on April 3, 2018, to analyze the Governor's amended budget.

The following are the budget action highlights:

- Education Support and Admin Services Student and School Achievement - Development, Updating and Adoption of New Science Standards - Funded 50% of the Governor's request - \$50.0 UGF (OTI at Governor's request)
- Education Support and Admin Services Early Learning Coordination - Additional Early Learning Programs Support -Funded 50% of the Governor's request - \$600.0 UGF (OTI)
- Education Support and Admin Services Student and School Achievement – Accepted the Governor's amendment to add a research analyst position to collect and analyze data

associated with the Alaska Education Challenge & ESSA implementation. - \$97.8 UGF (OTI)

Both the early learning program support and the data analyst position are being funded as one-time items, so they can be reevaluated next year to determine their effectiveness.

Additional Action:

• Public School Fund Revenue Adjustment – (\$18,000.0) 1066 Public School (Other)- This reduces the Public School Trust Fund Appropriation to match anticipated revenue under existing law and mirrors the House action.

Aside from the aforementioned changes, the subcommittee recommends adoption of the Department of Education & Early Development's amended budget.

Between the FY15 Management Plan and the FY19 Senate Subcommittee Budget, UGF has decreased by \$25,577.3 (37%) and the number of positions have decreased by 80 (64 PFT, 2 PPT and 14 Temp. positions).

STRUCTURE CHANGE:

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education – Rename appropriation to match the agency name.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education & Early Development adopts the attached reports:

<u>Legislative Finance Division Reports – Senate Structure</u>

- 1. Agency Totals FY2019 Operating Budget
- 2. Transaction Comparison between 19ADJ Base and Senate Subcomm
- 3. Transaction Comparison between 19Gov Amd and Senate Subcomm
- 4. Wordage

Senator Gary Stevens, Chair

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