

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

SENATE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

DEPARTMENT OF LAW FY2019 SENATE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT April 3, 2018

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

| Unrestricted General Funds (UGF) | \$ 49,796.5 |
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| Designated General Funds (DGF) | 2,870.2 |
| Other Funds | 31,309.2 |
| Federal Funds | 1,492.4 |

TOTAL \$85,468.3

BUDGET ACTION:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law received an agency budget overview on February 15, 2018 and held a final meeting on April 3, 2018, to analyze the Governor's amended budget.

The following are the budget action highlights:

- Criminal Division Second Judicial District Funded an additional Prosecutor in Kotzebue for 6 months - \$107.4 UGF (OTI)
- Criminal Division Third Judicial District Funded 2 Prosecutors and 2 Support Staff in Anchorage for 6 months - \$236.6 UGF (OTI)
- Criminal Division Fourth Judicial District Funded 1
 Prosecutor and 1 Support Staff in Bethel for 6 months –
 \$155.3 UGF (OTI)
- Criminal Division Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation –
 Funded a newly created Statewide Drug Prosecutor for 6 months \$82.5 UGF (OTI)

The above positions are being funded for 6 months to account for recruitment. They are also being funded as one-time items, so they can be reevaluated next year to determine their effectiveness.

Aside from the aforementioned changes, the subcommittee recommends adoption of the Department of Law's amended budget.

Between the FY15 Management Plan and the FY19 Senate Subcommittee Budget, UGF has decreased by \$9,478.8 (16%) and the number of positions have decreased by 74 (72 PFT positions and 2 PPT positions).

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law 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 19GovAmd and Senate Subcomm
- 4. Wordage

Senator Gary Slevens, Chair

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