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Department of Public Safety
FY20 Operating Budget

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
FY2020 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
NARRATIVE REPORT

March 21, 2019

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department Public Safety submits a recommended operating budget for FY2020 to the House Finance Committee as follows:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$160,939.8
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$8,446.1
Other Funds	\$11,727.6
Federal Funds	\$25,636.1
Total	\$206,749.6

Positions:

	FY19 Management Plan	FY20 Subcommittee	Difference	Difference (percentage)
Budgeted	836	838	2	0.2%
Total				
Positions				

HISTORIC SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION:

Fund Type	FY15 Management Plan	FY20 Adjusted Base	Difference	Difference (percentage)
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$171,410.6	\$161,336.5	\$-9702.2	-0.1%
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$6,555.7	\$8,301.0	\$1745.3	0.3%
Other	\$17,684.8	\$11,109.1	\$-6575.7	-0.4%
Federal	\$10,787.7	\$16,487.6	\$5699.9	0.5%
Total	\$206,438.8	\$197,234.2	\$-8832.7	-0.0%

BUDGET ACTION:

The House Finance Subcommittee on the Department Public Safety Budget held five meetings with the agency. The Subcommittee reviewed and took action on the Governor's FY2020 budget request, with the following highlights:

- Reduced spending by \$396.7 (-0.2%) in Unrestricted General Funds from the FY20 Adjusted Base, which is a reduction of \$768.6 (-0.5%) in Unrestricted General Funds from the FY19 Management Plan.
- The Subcommittee's recommended budget is \$-10,470.8 in Unrestricted General Funds (-6.1%) below the FY15 Management Plan.

The Subcommittee recommends accepting all of the Governor's FY2020 request with the following changes:

- Deny the Governor's reduction in Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program Appropriation by \$3,000.0
- Remove Department Level Intent "At the discretion of the Office of Management and Budget, funding may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department."
- Modifying conditional language to allow for the carry-forward of Fire and Life Safety unexpected and unobligated balance after the end of the Fiscal Year 2019
- Transferring \$250.0 in UGF from the Alaska State Trooper Detachments to the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol allowing the state to leverage additional resources to support search and rescue efforts in the form of volunteer hours and adding intent language to strengthen the liaison between the state and the Civil Air Patrol
- Adding intent language for the Department of Public Safety work to address the high rate of sex crimes in rural Alaska by making it a priority to hire two sex crimes investigators (one in Bethel and one in Kotzebue) along with any requisite support staff using existing Department resources.
- Adding intent language for the Department of Public Safety to disburse funding meant for the VPSO Program to VPSO grant recipients and for grant recipients to utilize the funding for recruitment and retention of VPSOs and for the Department to support VPSO contractor's efforts to provide public safety services to the maximum geographic area surround their duty station.
- Reducing funding for the Alaska State Trooper Detachments by \$506.365 to align funding with historic expenditure levels

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department Public Safety adopts the attached reports:

2020 Legislative Finance Division Reports – House Structure

1. Agency Totals – FY2020 Operating Budget (Attachment A)
2. Transaction Compare between Adjusted Base (20Adj Base) and House Subcommittee (H Sub) (Attachment B)
3. Transaction Compare between Governor Amended (Gov Amd) and House Subcommittee (H Sub) (Attachment C)
4. Wordage Report – FY2020 Operating Budget (Attachment D)

The Budget Action Worksheet is attached for informational purposes (Attachment E)

Respectfully submitted,



Representative Bart LeBon, Chair

House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department Public Safety

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