



House Finance Subcommittee on the University of Alaska Budget Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget Action Narrative Report

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The House Finance Subcommittee on the University of Alaska Budget submits an operating budget for Fiscal Year 2015 as follows:

Funding Sources

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$362,229,700
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$315,361,600
Other Funds	\$86,717,800
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$150,852,700</u>
Total	\$915,161,800

Positions

Permanent Full Time (PFT)	4,727
Permanent Part Time (PPT)	222
<u>Temporary</u>	<u>0</u>
Total positions	4,949

Budget Action

The House Finance Subcommittee on the University of Alaska Budget held four meetings on February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2014. Review included missions, accomplishments, challenges, budget trends since Fiscal Year 2006, the Fiscal Year 2015 budget request, and a proposal to renovate the University of Alaska Fairbanks heat and power plant. The subcommittee heard from University of Alaska President Patrick Gamble, Chancellor Brian Rogers of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, David Teal, director of the Legislative Finance Division, and other University officials.

The subcommittee accepted the Governor's amended proposal – including funding for University of Alaska contractual salary and health increases received to date – with the following adjustment:

- A further reduction of \$1,000,000 in Unrestricted General Funds (UGF) was added to the governor's proposed \$14,900,000 UGF reduction so that the total systemwide reduction in Fiscal Year 2015 will be \$15,900,000 UGF.

Attached Reports (Numbers Only)

The House Finance Subcommittee on the University of Alaska Budget adopts the attached reports that relate to the House Structure:

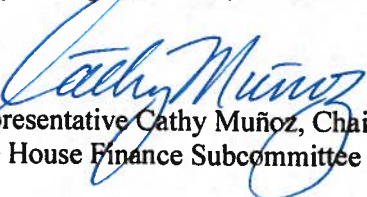
1. Budget Action Worksheet – 2014 Legislature – Operating Budget – House Structure
2. Agency Totals
3. Allocation Summary (All Funds)
4. Allocation Summary (General Funds)
5. Transaction Comparison between Adjusted Base and House Subcommittee
6. Transaction Comparison between Governor’s Amended Request and House Subcommittee
7. Wordage Report – Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget that includes the following:

“It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska maintain the University of Alaska Anchorage Office of Research and Graduate Studies and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization and continue to explore additional funding opportunities.”

“It is the intent of the Legislature that the University of Alaska shall collect data on recent and future graduates so that a performance matrix may be established for each degree program offered by the University. Information should include the number of students who graduate, when they are employed in a related field of study and at what salary, what their debt load was upon graduation, and other demographic information.”

“It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska carefully review every program and reevaluate and implement benchmarks with measurable outcomes, delete any unnecessary programs, implement streamlining and efficiency measures, conduct a systemwide audit, implement and conduct rigorous employee evaluations using best practices, strongly consider fiscal impacts during employee labor contract negotiations to help lower costs, attain and implement cost-savings in travel policy, maximize energy and heating efficiencies in buildings, and sell, lease, or repurpose buildings for maximum utilization.”

Respectfully submitted,


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The House Finance Subcommittee on the University of Alaska Budget