

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Professional Teaching Practices Commission Component Budget Summary

Component: Professional Teaching Practices Commission

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Component Mission

To ensure that qualified, ethical educators are members of the teaching profession in Alaska.

Component Services Provided

1. Investigating allegations of misconduct by members of the teaching profession, and insuring that all persons against whom complaints are filed are awarded due process.
2. Disciplining educators who have been shown by a preponderance of the evidence to be incompetent; have committed an act of moral turpitude; are guilty of noncompliance with school laws of the state or regulations of the department; have violated ethical or professional standards or contractual obligations.
3. Providing information on certification, ethics, and other educational issues.
4. Reviewing the regulations of the department as they relate to teacher certification and provide input representing views of the Commission.
5. Preventing unfit educators from entering the profession in Alaska by doing background checks and evaluations on applicants when requested by the department.

Component Goals and Strategies

1. Investigate all properly filed complaints against educators.
2. Conduct hearings whenever evidence is sufficient to bring a formal accusation.
3. Respond to all requests for Code of Ethics information. Promulgate new Code of Ethics standards when the need arises.
4. Make recommendations for changes in certification standards and/or procedures whenever a study results in a formal Commission position.
5. Provide consultations regarding problem situations at the time of the request.
6. Provide the PTPC handbook to all schools and interested persons.
7. Publish a semi-annual newsletter regarding professional ethics to be distributed to every educator in the state.
8. Make the Code of Ethics brochure available to all educators and other interested persons.
9. Conduct a background check on each certification applicant who has a conviction or a previous disciplinary action on his record and to make a determination on the applicant's fitness to teach.
10. Make presentations regarding professional, ethical standards and the Commission to student teachers, certificated educators, and the public.

Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

* The ability of the PTPC to investigate all complaints timely or pursue lengthy investigations or hearings is limited by the resources available. The PTPC is funded entirely by fees paid by individuals seeking teaching certification in Alaska.

* The PTPC continues to increase public knowledge and awareness of professional, ethical standards for teachers and administrators and the responsibilities of the PTPC.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

- * Completed 75 investigations of complaints against educators.
- * Conducted 5 appeal hearings.
- * Disciplined 8 educators through suspension, revocation or recommendation for denial of licensure.
- * Published and distributed a semiannual newsletter to all educators and other interested parties in the state.
- * Presentations were given to graduating teacher candidates at the University of Alaska, Anchorage and Fairbanks, and Alaska Public University on professional ethics and the PTPC.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.20.030
4 AAC 12
4 AAC 18
AS 14.20.370-.510
AS 44.62
20 AAC 10.010-.900

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	123.8	129.5	140.7
72000 Travel	11.0	10.3	20.7
73000 Contractual	41.9	43.5	48.2
74000 Supplies	7.8	2.0	2.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	2.0	2.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	184.5	187.3	213.6
Funding Sources:			
1156 Receipt Supported Services	184.5	187.3	213.6
Funding Totals	184.5	187.3	213.6

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2002 Cash Estimate	FY2003 Governor	FY2004 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Receipt Supported Services	51073	184.5	187.3	187.3	213.6	213.6
Restricted Total		184.5	187.3	187.3	213.6	213.6
Total Estimated Revenues		184.5	187.3	187.3	213.6	213.6

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003

Additional funding is being requested to cover the increased costs of providing services.

Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	0.0	0.0	187.3	187.3
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Year 3 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2002	0.0	0.0	3.2	3.2
Proposed budget increases:				
-Additional Operating Resources	0.0	0.0	23.1	23.1
FY2003 Governor	0.0	0.0	213.6	213.6

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Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>		
	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	103,759
Part-time	0	0	COLA	3,215
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	2,150
			Annual Benefits	33,278
			<i>Less 1.20% Vacancy Factor</i>	(1,702)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	140,700

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
Exec Secretary PTPC	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	2	0	0	0	2