

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

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Mission

Ensure that state government is responsive to the needs of the citizens of Alaska, and that compelling needs within the state are recognized and addressed appropriately by providing support to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor in the policy issues and management of the Executive Branch of state government.

Core Services

- ALASKA STATE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. Enforce the Human Rights Law to prevent and eliminate discrimination through mediation, impartial investigation of complaints, conciliation, adjudication, public education and community outreach.
- REDISTRICTING PLANNING COMMITTEE. Responsible for all preparation and arrangements in advance for the Redistricting Board.
- OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. To ensure the state's financial resources are budgeted and managed in a way that produces results that advance the Governor's priorities.
- DIVISION OF ELECTIONS. To conduct impartial, secure and accurate elections.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Department Budget: \$48,631,700	Personnel:	
	Full time	160
	Part time	0
	Total	160

Key Department Challenges

ALASKA STATE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

- During the past fiscal year 30% more Alaskans filed complaints with the Commission and nearly 3,000 Alaskans contacted the agency to inquire about their rights and responsibilities under Alaska's Human Rights Law. The imbalance between resources and demand for services will result in delays in processing cases especially if filings continue to rise. In the past, additional resources successfully eliminated extended delay that was of significant concern and a source of frustration to Alaskan businesses and those who believed they experienced discrimination.
- Costs for the adjudication of public hearing cases continue to rise while resolution of cases after hearing is taking longer.
- The Commission receives numerous requests for education and technical assistance. The agency continues to turn down requests for assistance from businesses and organizations seeking the Commission's expertise on Alaska's Human Rights Law about how best to prevent and eliminate discrimination through education, due to limited resources.

REDISTRICTING PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Arrangements for office space, equipment and staff for Redistricting Board.
- Compilation of all information necessary for all Redistricting Board work.
- Develop/issue RFP to procure computer system that uses census data and maps to prepare plans for state districts in conformity with statutory and constitutional criteria prior to Redistricting Board convening.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

- Regardless of the price of oil, the state needs to balance its budget while maintaining stability for the Alaska

economy and reliable services for Alaskans.

- Continue to work to implement more effective results-based budgeting and decision making.

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

- Voter registration has increased. There are now over 174,770 more registered voters than were registered in 1990.
- The number of voters voting absentee or early has increased. During the 2008 Presidential election, over 96,000 voters voted either an absentee or early ballot compared to 10 years ago when 35,223 voted absentee. Approximately 30% of voters in the 2008 Presidential election voted an absentee ballot.
- During the 2008 Presidential election, over 20,000 voters voted questioned ballots compared to 10 years ago when 16,000 voted questioned ballots.
- In addition to programming the election, the division's workload in preparing for an election has increased due to the maintenance, functional testing, logic and accuracy testing, security, additional training and deployment of over 800 electronic voting units.
- The number of signatures filed by initiative petition sponsors has increased from an average of 36,100 signatures per petition to an average of over 40,000 signatures per petition. Additionally, the law requires the division to process signatures within 60 days from the time the petition is filed. Although the amount of signatures filed with a petition has increased, the time allowed for the division to process signatures has not changed.
- In 2005, AS 15.30.036 was enacted to allow for Independent Candidates for President and Vice-President to gain access to Alaska's ballot. The 2008 Presidential election year was the first year for this process. The division received a substantial number of inquiries from people interested in obtaining access to Alaska's ballot as a presidential candidate by using this method. The division processed candidacy paperwork for nine presidential and vice presidential write in candidates.
- Continue implementation of a new statewide voter registration and election management system. The system will be in compliance with the new federal election reform laws. The new system has an anticipated go live date of June 30, 2009.
- Continue to develop and implement proper procedures for transport and security, additional training of election officials and a public outreach and education campaign necessary to ensure public confidence and approved access to voters.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

Newly enacted ch. 86, SLA 2008 requires the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a 10-year fiscal plan. The executive summary of the first 10-year plan was released December 15, 2008. The plan must balance the budget between sources and uses of funds, provide for essential state services, and protect Alaska's economic stability.

Four principles provide guidance for spending and savings strategies represented in the plan:

- Responsibly Develop Alaska's Natural Resources
 - Strategy: Facilitate Gas Line Development
 - Strategy: Facilitate Other Oil and Gas Development
 - Strategy: Facilitate Other Natural Resource Development
- Live Within Our Means
- Control the Growth of Government
- Save for Future Generations of Alaskans
 - Strategy: Preserve and Grow The Permanent Fund
 - Strategy: Build Reserves When Possible, Use Them Judiciously When Necessary
 - Strategy: Forward Fund When Appropriate
 - Strategy: Focus Investment

The FY2010 plan is a starting point, not the answer. It should initiate a dialogue about the future fiscal health of Alaska with the Legislature and Alaskans.

Major Department Accomplishments in 2008

ALASKA STATE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

- The Commission's mediation program provides Alaska businesses and complainants the opportunity to voluntarily reach a mutually acceptable resolution to claims of discrimination. Both the business community and individuals applaud the opportunities provided by the program.
- Implementation of new regulations and training of staff on new Commission procedures. All cases are assigned for investigation or actively processed in mediation within thirty days of filing.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

A primary criterion for judging the performance of OMB is how much of the Governor's agenda, as expressed in the annual budget proposal, gets enacted into law. Since the Legislature has the ultimate power of appropriation, passage of the initiatives embodied in the Governor's budget proposal is more important than number targets. The Legislature passed bills that contained six of the Governor's main budget goals:

1. Treated the FY08 general fund surplus as a windfall. One billion dollars was deposited into the Statutory Budget Reserve Fund and three billion dollars was deposited into the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund.
2. The Alaska Gasline Inducement Act license was approved, along with \$30 million of the total \$500 million inducement.
3. A one-time Resource Rebate was passed that distributed a portion of the state's resource wealth to citizens in the form of \$1200 added to the 2008 Permanent Fund Dividend.
4. Nearly \$450 million was appropriated to lower the employer contribution rates to the Public Employees Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System, while contributing towards reducing the unfunded liability in those retirement systems.
5. A general obligation bond bill was passed by the Legislature and subsequently approved by the voters to finance \$315 million of statewide transportation projects.
6. Local governments received \$60.0 million as a form of revenue sharing.

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

- Conducted a statewide primary and presidential election, 22 REAA/CRSA elections, the Wrangell Incorporation elections and the Kuspuk Regional Educational Attendance Area runoff election.
- Processed a record number of absentee and early votes for the 2008 Presidential election. Performed a duplicate voter check of the 325,000 plus voters from the 2008 Presidential election.
- Partnered with the University of Alaska to conduct a study on election security and provide recommendations to improve upon the security of election equipment. Implemented the findings from the study in preparation for the 2008 elections.
- Improvements made to the language assistance program. This included creating a translated glossary of election terms, audio information regarding voter registration and the election process, surveying village councils to determine language assistance needs, new training materials for bilingual election workers, CDs for election worker use with ballot measure translations, Yup'ik sample ballots, publicity in minority languages.
- Conducted outreach to villages and native entities on the Division's language assistance program.

Prioritization of Agency Programs

(Statutory Reference AS 37.07.050(a)(13))

1. Executive Operations
2. Office of Management and Budget
3. Division of Elections
4. Human Rights Commission
5. Redistricting Planning Committee

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Department Budget Summary by RDU

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals				FY2009 Management Plan				FY2010 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Branch-wide Oil and Gas Develop	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commissions/Special Offices	1,622.8	126.2	0.0	1,749.0	1,693.6	184.9	69.7	1,948.2	2,918.5	187.6	0.0	3,106.1
Executive Operations	9,892.3	0.0	898.4	10,790.7	13,718.9	0.0	1,337.9	15,056.8	13,571.5	0.0	95.0	13,666.5
Gov State Facilities Rent	834.6	0.0	0.0	834.6	870.1	0.0	0.0	870.1	1,058.8	0.0	0.0	1,058.8
Office of Management & Budget	2,112.2	0.0	0.0	2,112.2	2,277.1	0.0	0.0	2,277.1	2,560.0	0.0	0.0	2,560.0
Elections	2,914.6	0.0	588.1	3,502.7	6,821.7	0.0	572.1	7,393.8	3,642.8	0.0	597.5	4,240.3
Fuel Branch-wide Unallocated	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24,000.0	0.0	0.0	24,000.0
Totals	17,376.5	126.2	1,486.5	18,989.2	25,381.4	184.9	1,979.7	27,546.0	47,751.6	187.6	692.5	48,631.7

Funding Source Summary

All dollars in thousands

Funding Sources	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
1002 Federal Receipts	126.2	184.9	187.6
1004 General Fund Receipts	17,376.5	25,376.5	47,746.7
1005 General Fund/Program Receipts		4.9	4.9
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	136.7	200.0	
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	588.1	641.8	597.5
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts		95.0	95.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services		20.8	
1175 Business License and Corporation Filing Fees and Taxes	644.3	653.7	
1191 DEED CIP Fund Equity Account	117.4	368.4	
Totals	18,989.2	27,546.0	48,631.7

Position Summary

Funding Sources	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Permanent Full Time	160	160
Permanent Part Time	0	0
Non Permanent	45	23
Totals	205	183

FY2010 Capital Budget Request

Project Title	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
DOA - Enterprise Security Projects	0	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
HSS - Personal Information Protection Data Encryption	736,327	81,814	0	818,141
HSS - Behavioral Health Data Sharing Partnership	434,184	25,540	0	459,724
HSS - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Compliance	668,724	668,724	0	1,337,448
HSS - Disaster Recovery	368,163	40,907	0	409,070
DOA - Document Management System - Microfilm Conversion Phase 1	4,600	0	323,400	328,000
DCCED - Banking and Securities Management Systems	0	0	890,000	890,000
DCCED - Community and Regional Affairs Imaging	690,000	0	0	690,000
DCCED - Banking and Securities Imaging	0	0	580,000	580,000
HSS - Contract Management Automation System	425,500	47,300	0	472,800
DNR - Document Management System Phase 2 of 2	1,200,000	0	0	1,200,000
Department Total	4,527,498	864,285	6,793,400	12,185,183

This is an appropriation level summary only. For allocations and the full project details see the capital budget.

Summary of Department Budget Changes by RDU

From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	25,381.4	184.9	1,979.7	27,546.0
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Commissions/Special Offices	224.9	2.7	2.2	229.8
-Executive Operations	-147.4	0.0	-1,042.9	-1,190.3
-Gov State Facilities Rent	188.7	0.0	0.0	188.7
-Office of Management & Budget	282.9	0.0	0.0	282.9
-Elections	-3,178.9	0.0	25.4	-3,153.5
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Commissions/Special Offices	0.0	0.0	-71.9	-71.9
-Executive Operations	0.0	0.0	-200.0	-200.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-Commissions/Special Offices	1,000.0	0.0	0.0	1,000.0
-Fuel Branch-wide Unallocated	24,000.0	0.0	0.0	24,000.0
FY2010 Governor	47,751.6	187.6	692.5	48,631.7