

FY2011 Operating Amendments (HB300/SB229)

	Sec. No.	Department	Component or Capital	Description of Amendment	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Fund Source	Total Funds
1	1	Fish and Game	Commercial Fisheries Special Projects	<p>The Commercial Fisheries Division was recently informed that National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will be increasing the Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST) grant for Southeast Alaska by \$392.2. Of this amount, \$179.8 will be allocated to Commercial Fisheries and the balance of \$212.4 to the Sport Fish Division. Commercial Fisheries will utilize the \$179.8 to support port sampling projects and enhance coded wire tag projects within the Mark, Tag and Age Lab. These programs already exist within the PST grant, and these funds will enhance those activities. The Sport Fish Division has sufficient federal authorization and is not seeking an increase.</p> <p>The Commercial Fisheries Division was also recently informed that the Pacific Salmon Commission Chinook Letter of Agreement program will be providing \$138.6 in federal funds for a project to estimate stock composition of Southeast Alaska harvests. These funds will be allocated to the Genetics Lab to conduct this work.</p>		318.4			318.4
2	1	Labor and Workforce Development	Workers Compensation Benefits Guaranty Fund	<p>The Workers' Compensation Benefit Guaranty Fund (WCBGF) component of the Workers' Compensation RDU has an expenditure authorization shortfall. The component is entirely funded by the Workers' Compensation Benefit Guaranty Fund (AS 23.30.082). The fund has a \$1.1 million balance which is sufficient to support necessary expenditures. What the component lacks is expenditure authorization to process the benefit payments to injured Alaskan workers who worked for employers who did not have workers' compensation insurance. Claims against the fund have risen dramatically from previous years' levels due mostly to a growing awareness of this relatively new program. The program anticipates that this higher level of claims will continue in future years and that the FY11 authorization as it is currently budgeted will be insufficient.</p>			195.0	Workers Comp Ben Guaranty	195.0
3	1	Law	Civil Division - Transportation Section	<p>Fairweather and Chenega propulsion systems litigation</p> <p>The State of Alaska is pursuing product liability litigation on the fast ferry propulsion system failures. An initial estimate of the litigation costs is as much as \$1 million, spread over a 3-year period. This cost estimate includes pretrial and trial costs of counsel and expert witness testimony.</p>	200.0				200.0
4	1	Transportation and Public Facilities	Central Region Highways and Aviation	<p>Enforcement of Clean Water Act - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Street Sweeping and Permit Compliance Costs</p> <p>Additional funding is required to meet the minimum requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. This amendment increases the original increment submitted from \$1,681.6 to \$2,233.0, based on RFP bid contracts awarded.</p>	551.4				551.4
Total FY2011 Operating Amendments					751.4	318.4	195.0		1,264.8