

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Law
Second Judicial District
Component

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Component Mission

Mission statement appears at the department summary and BRU levels.

Component Services Provided

(A) The District Attorney offices in this component prosecute all violations of state criminal law in Alaska, with the exception of welfare and Medicaid fraud. In addition to filing criminal charges and conducting criminal trials, the offices give day-to-day advice to state and local law enforcement agencies conducting criminal investigations, serve as legal advisor to grand juries, and handle sentence appeals and probation revocation actions. Prosecution services protect the public by convicting criminal offenders and placing them under appropriate controls, and by revoking probation if they do not comply with conditions of supervision. Without these services, Alaskans would not be able to live in safe and healthy communities.

(B) The District Attorney offices provide victim-witness assistance services such as travel and per diem expenses, court-mandated witness fees, information on court procedures required by statute and the Alaska Constitution, and assistance with domestic violence orders and violent crimes compensation procedures.

Two-thirds of all travel costs in the BRU are due to transportation and per diem for witnesses needed for court proceedings. Demands on the victim-witness assistants increased substantially over the last several years as a result of victims' rights laws that passed in 1989 and 1991, as a result of the passage of the Victims' Right Amendment to the Alaska Constitution in 1994 and the Domestic Violence Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1996. Victim-witness services are an indispensable element in the daily operation of the criminal justice system.

(C) The services are delivered by four attorneys in three offices in Nome, Kotzebue, and Barrow. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, over 2,000 criminal cases (400 felonies and 1,800 misdemeanors) were referred for prosecution or probation revocation. In Barrow, the one-attorney office receives periodic assistance from Fairbanks, even though the Fairbanks District Attorney's Office often has attorney positions unfilled due to lack of funding.

Component Goals and Strategies

The primary goal of this component is to assure safe and healthy communities by prosecuting and convicting criminal offenders in rural Alaska.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

Key Issues are included at the BRU level.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

Because these objectives are subjective, they can be measured only indirectly, by assessing the number of criminal cases handled. The focus, we believe, should be on the most important, and most resource-intensive cases: violent felonies, misdemeanor assaults (most of which are domestic violence), and drunk driving. The objectives set out below are based on historical caseloads and, where appropriate, a reflection of anticipated changes in caseloads. The statistics shown below are based on FY2000 actuals, except for number of convictions, which are based on calendar year 1999 actuals. Conviction data for CY1999 is more useful for convictions, because more complete data is available.

	Prior Yr Predicted	Prior Yr Actual	Next Yr Predicted
Number of Violent Felonies Reviewed:	200	185	200
Number of Violent Felonies Filed:	90	78	70
Number of Convictions for Violent Felonies:	60	57	60
Domestic Violence Assaults Reviewed:	550	488	500

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.23.020

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	647.3	664.9	642.8
72000 Travel	59.1	70.5	70.5
73000 Contractual	44.5	62.7	62.7
74000 Supplies	48.7	31.4	31.4
75000 Equipment	1.5	0.0	0.0
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	801.1	829.5	807.4
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	801.1	823.8	807.4
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	0.0	4.1	0.0
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	0.0	1.6	0.0
Funding Totals	801.1	829.5	807.4

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 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						
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Estimated Revenues		0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0

Second Judicial District**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002**

No changes were made in FY2001, and none are requested for FY2002.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor**

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	827.9	0.0	1.6	829.5
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Adjust vacancy by fund source between line items and components	-27.2	0.0	0.0	-27.2
-Convert Special FY2001 Labor Cost Fund Sources to GF	1.6	0.0	-1.6	0.0
-From Third Judicial Anchorage - Reduce Vacancy Factor	10.0	0.0	0.0	10.0
-Year 2 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY 2001	-4.9	0.0	0.0	-4.9
FY2002 Governor	807.4	0.0	0.0	807.4

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Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	8	8	Annual Salaries	510,159
Part-time	0	0	COLA	9,708
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	142,584
			<i>Less 2.97% Vacancy Factor</i>	(19,651)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	8	8	Total Personal Services	642,800

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Attorney IV	0	0	0	2	2
Attorney V	0	0	0	2	2
Legal Secretary I	0	0	0	2	2
Legal Secretary II	0	0	0	1	1
Paralegal Asst I	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	0	0	0	8	8