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The Honorable Anna MacKinnon
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The Honorable Lyman Hoffman
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The Honorable Paul Seaton
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
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The Honorable Neal Foster
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
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Re: FY2019 Capital Budget Amendments HB 284/SB 142

Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs,

Enclosed, please find a proposed supplemental amendment effective FY2018 and FY2019 to the FY2019 capital budget totaling \$3.1 million (including \$1.7 million UGF) to address a critical shortage of beds available at the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API) as detailed in the attached letter from Commissioner Davidson. We apologize for the late notice of this amendment. In order to restore capacity at API, immediate action is required to resolve issues related to the recruitment and retention of nurses at the facility.

Providing the Department of Health and Social Services with additional resources will put the state in a better position to address critical mental health needs. We anticipate this funding will be reflected as an increment in the FY2020 operating budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this budget amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Pitney".

Pat Pitney
Director

Enclosures

1. FY2019 Budget Amendment Backup

cc: David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division
Darwin Peterson, Director, Governor's Legislative Office