

**State of Alaska  
FY2022 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Law  
Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy  
Component Budget Summary**

**Component: Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

The Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy (RAPA) Section exercises the Attorney General's responsibility to represent the public interest in utility and pipeline matters before the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA).

**Core Services**

- RAPA advocates for the public interest in matters before the RCA, paying particular attention to the interests of consumers who would not otherwise have an effective voice regarding the rates and services of regulated utilities and pipeline carriers operating in the state.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2020**

RAPA helps ensure that utility and pipeline carrier tariff rates and service practices are just and reasonable. Approximately \$12 million in quantifiable consumer benefits can be tracked to RAPA advocacy in FY2020. This is based on the difference between the amounts that utilities requested in their revenue requirement proposals and the amounts that the RCA ultimately awarded to them. To achieve these results in FY2020, the department expended approximately \$1.6 million in RCA regulatory cost charge receipts.

During FY2020, RAPA participated in over thirty-five dockets. RAPA's work includes filing testimony, participating in public hearings and mediations, filing comments in rulemakings, and completing stipulations to settle cases.

Highlights of selected FY2020 dockets where RAPA participated:

- In Chugach's Electric Association proposed acquisition of Municipal Light & Power, all parties except RAPA, entered settlement agreements modifying the original acquisition transaction. RAPA raised seven issues with that final transaction. The Commission came to the same or similar conclusion on six of those issues. To address those issues, the Commission's final order found the transaction was in the public interest with certain conditions added to the transaction.
- Participation in Cook Inlet Natural Gas Storage rate case that resulted in approximately a 17% reduction (\$3,839,618) in the annual rates charged to the utilities that use the facility—namely, Chugach Electric Association, Municipal Light & Power, Homer Electric Association, and ENSTAR Natural Gas Company. The savings flow directly through to the utilities' residential and commercial customers.

RAPA also investigates and participates in RCA "rulemaking" dockets that affect utility and pipeline carrier practices or services on a statewide basis. For instance, RAPA is involved in the creation and adoption of regulations required by SB 123. SB 123 requires the creation of an Electric Reliability Organization that will develop and implement reliability standards for the safe and efficient operation of an interconnected bulk-energy system. Currently, the only interconnected bulk-energy system implicated is the Railbelt electric grid that serves customers from Fairbanks to Homer.

**Key Component Challenges**

During the upcoming fiscal year, RAPA will continue to represent the public interest on behalf of the Attorney General in proceedings before the RCA. RAPA will investigate public utility and pipeline carrier proposals that come before the RCA, file testimony, litigate cases, and defend RAPA positions before the RCA and on appeal as appropriate.

One significant ongoing challenge facing RAPA is attracting qualified non-attorney professional analysts/expert witnesses.

## Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2022

No significant changes are anticipated in the upcoming fiscal year.

## Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.23.020(e)

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Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy Personal Services Information					
Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2021</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2022</u> <u>Governor</u>			
Full-time	9	9	Annual Salaries		913,295
Part-time	0	0	COLA		6,782
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay		0
			Annual Benefits		480,137
			<i>Less 0.99% Vacancy Factor</i>		<i>(13,914)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>		<b>1,386,300</b>

Position Classification Summary					
Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Attorney IV	1	0	0	0	1
Attorney VI	1	0	0	0	1
Law Office Assistant I	2	0	0	0	2
Public Aua I	4	0	0	0	4
Public Aua II	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

**Component Detail All Funds**  
**Department of Law**

**Component:** Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (2764)  
**RDU:** Civil Division (35)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Conference Committee	FY2021 Authorized	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor	FY2021 Management Plan vs FY2022 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	1,327.2	1,339.9	1,339.9	1,339.9	1,386.3	46.4	3.5%
72000 Travel	10.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	369.4	1,469.3	1,469.3	1,469.3	1,429.3	-40.0	-2.7%
74000 Commodities	10.9	18.8	18.8	18.8	18.8	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,719.9</b>	<b>2,848.0</b>	<b>2,848.0</b>	<b>2,848.0</b>	<b>2,854.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1001 CBR Fund (UGF)	0.0	113.8	113.8	113.8	0.0	-113.8	-100.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	133.3	341.5	341.5	341.5	455.4	113.9	33.4%
1141 RCA Rcpts (DGF)	1,586.6	2,392.7	2,392.7	2,392.7	2,399.0	6.3	0.3%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>133.3</b>	<b>455.3</b>	<b>455.3</b>	<b>455.3</b>	<b>455.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>1,586.6</b>	<b>2,392.7</b>	<b>2,392.7</b>	<b>2,392.7</b>	<b>2,399.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
Permanent Full Time	9	9	9	9	9	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

**Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions**  
**Department of Law**

**Component:** Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (2764)  
**RDU:** Civil Division (35)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2021 Conference Committee To FY2021 Authorized *****												
<b>Conference Committee</b>												
	ConfCom	2,848.0	1,339.9	20.0	1,469.3	18.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	9	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		113.8										
1004 Gen Fund		341.5										
1141 RCA Rcpts		2,392.7										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2,848.0</b>	<b>1,339.9</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>1,469.3</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2021 Authorized To FY2021 Management Plan *****												
<b>Transfer Attorney IV (03-0103) from Human Services for Required Legal Expertise</b>												
	Trin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0	0
Transfer a full-time Attorney IV (03-0103), range 24, located in Anchorage, from the Human Services component to the Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy component to keep pace with the required level of legal expertise needed within the office. The remaining staff in Human Services are sufficient to accommodate anticipated workload.												
Department of Law attorney positions are transferred as needed to align expertise with workload.												
<b>Transfer Attorney V (03-0411) to Human Services for Required Legal Expertise</b>												
	Trout	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1	0	0
Transfer a full-time Attorney V (03-0411), range 25, located in Anchorage, to the Human Services component from the Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy component to keep pace with the required level of legal expertise needed within the office. The remaining staff in Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy are sufficient to accommodate anticipated workload.												
Department of Law attorney positions are transferred as needed to align expertise with workload.												
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2,848.0</b>	<b>1,339.9</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>1,469.3</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2021 Management Plan To FY2022 Governor *****												
<b>FY2022 Salary Adjustments</b>												
	SalAdj	6.4	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		0.1										
1141 RCA Rcpts		6.3										
FY2022 1% COLA for ASEA/General Government (GG/GP/GY/GZ): \$6.4												
<b>Fund Source Adjustment of CBRF to UGF</b>												
	FndChg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		-113.8										

**Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions**  
**Department of Law**

**Component:** Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (2764)  
**RDU:** Civil Division (35)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
1004 Gen Fund		113.8										
<b>Transfer Authority from Services for Anticipated Personal Service Expenditures</b>												
	LIT	0.0	40.0	0.0	-40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Transfer authority from the services line to the personal services line for anticipated personal services costs. The remaining services authority is anticipated to be sufficient to cover operating expenditures.												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>2,854.4</b>	<b>1,386.3</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>1,429.3</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Law**  
**Travel**

**Component:** Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (2764)

<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Line Name</b>		<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>
2000	Travel		10.5	20.0	20.0
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>
<b>2000 Travel Detail Totals</b>			<b>10.5</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Travel for attorneys to interview witnesses and attend court proceedings, as well as for necessary training for both attorneys and paraprofessionals. Includes travel for management purposes.	2.1	3.2	3.2
2001	In-State Non-Employee Travel	Travel costs for witnesses to testify in court.	3.3	5.0	5.0
2002	Out of State Employee Travel	Travel costs and expenses for out-of-state travel for conferences, training, etc.	4.0	10.7	10.7
2006	Other Travel Costs	Travel cost transfers.	1.1	1.1	1.1



**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Law**  
**Services**

**Component:** Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (2764)

<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Line Name</b>		<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>
3000	Services		369.4	1,469.3	1,429.3
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>
<b>3000 Services Detail Totals</b>			<b>369.4</b>	<b>1,469.3</b>	<b>1,429.3</b>
3000	Education Services	Conferences, training and memberships.	13.3	16.5	16.5
3002	Legal and Judicial Services	Depositions, research costs, expert witness and consultant fees.	207.8	200.0	200.0
3003	Information Technology	Training, consulting and software licensing and maintenance. Annual maintenance fee for mission-critical information management systems.	0.5	5.0	5.0
3004	Telecommunications	Local telephone service, long distance charges and cellular phone services paid to third-party telephone utilities.	0.0	1.0	1.0
3006	Delivery Services	Freight, courier, postage, and transportation of trial exhibit materials.	0.0	1.0	1.0
3010	Equipment/Machinery	Office equipment rental - copier and postage meters.	0.0	1.0	1.0
3011	Other Services	Cost transfers and miscellaneous items within the services line (commissions, etc.).	75.9	1,161.3	1,120.3
3017	Inter-Agency Information Technology Non-Telecommunications	Admin - Department-wide RSA Administration, Office of Information Technology computer services.	0.0	33.7	33.7
3017	Inter-Agency Information Technology Non-Telecommunications	Law - Administrative Services (2164) RSA Administration, Office of Information Technology computer services.	31.3	0.0	0.0
3018	Inter-Agency Information Technology	Admin - Department-wide RSA Administration, Office of	3.1	3.5	3.5

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Law**  
**Services**

**Component:** Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (2764)

Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
<b>3000 Services Detail Totals</b>			<b>369.4</b>	<b>1,469.3</b>	<b>1,429.3</b>
Telecommunications		Information Technology telecommunications services.			
3022 Inter-Agency Human Resources		RSA Law, Human Resources position.	5.0	0.0	0.0
3022 Inter-Agency Human Resources	Law - Administrative Services (2164)	RSA Law, Human Resources position.	3.4	9.4	10.4
3023 Inter-Agency Building Leases		Leased office space managed by General Services.	6.0	0.0	0.0
3023 Inter-Agency Building Leases	Admin - Department-wide	Leased office space managed by General Services.	22.1	28.1	28.1
3026 Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide	RSA Administration, Risk Management.	0.3	0.3	0.3
3027 Inter-Agency Financial	Admin - Department-wide	RSA Administration, Finance Chargeback (IRIS).	0.6	0.6	0.6
3028 Inter-Agency Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance		RSA Administration - Division of Personnel and Labor Relations, Americans with Disabilities Act.	0.1	0.1	0.1
3038 Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	Law - Administrative Services (2164)	RSA Law, Information services, project and management support.	0.0	7.8	7.8

**Line Item Detail (1676)**

**Department of Law  
Commodities**

**Component:** Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (2764)

<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Line Name</b>		<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>
4000	Commodities		10.9	18.8	18.8
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>
<b>4000 Commodities Detail Totals</b>			<b>10.9</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>18.8</b>
4000	Business	Reference materials and subscriptions, including statutes, software applications, non-capital desktop refresh, and miscellaneous office supplies.	5.5	2.6	2.6
4022	Commodity Transfer	Commodity cost transfers.	5.4	16.2	16.2

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Law**  
**Capital Outlay**

**Component:** Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (2764)

<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Line Name</b>		<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>
5000	Capital Outlay		1.9	0.0	0.0
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>
<b>5000 Capital Outlay Detail Totals</b>			<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
5009	Capital Outlay Transfer	Capital cost transfers.	1.9	0.0	0.0

**Revenue Detail (1681)**  
**Department of Law**

**Component:** Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (2764)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code)				FY2021	
Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2020 Actuals	Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
<b>5141 RCA Rcpts (1141 RCA Rcpts)</b>			<b>1,586.2</b>	<b>2,392.7</b>	<b>2,399.0</b>
5402 Regulatory Commission of Alaska Receipts		Regulatory Commission of Alaska - Expert technical support of Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy non-attorney professionals who provide accounting, engineering, economic and policy analysis for all types of regulated utilities and preparation of written testimony for hearings.	1,586.2	2,392.7	2,399.0

**Inter-Agency Services (1682)**  
**Department of Law**

**Component:** Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (2764)

				FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
<b>Component Totals</b>				<b>60.8</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>84.4</b>
With Department of Administration				26.1	66.2	66.2
With Department of Law				34.7	17.2	18.2
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>FY2020 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2021 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Governor</b>	
3017	Inter-Agency Information Technology Non-Telecommunications	Admin - Department-wide	RSA Administration, Office of Information Technology computer services.	0.0	33.7	33.7
3017	Inter-Agency Information Technology Non-Telecommunications	Law - Administrative Services (2164)	RSA Administration, Office of Information Technology computer services.	31.3	0.0	0.0
3018	Inter-Agency Information Technology Telecommunications	Admin - Department-wide	RSA Administration, Office of Information Technology telecommunications services.	3.1	3.5	3.5
3022	Inter-Agency Human Resources	Law - Administrative Services (2164)	RSA Law, Human Resources position.	3.4	9.4	10.4
3023	Inter-Agency Building Leases	Admin - Department-wide	Leased office space managed by General Services.	22.1	28.1	28.1
3026	Inter-Agency Insurance	Admin - Department-wide	RSA Administration, Risk Management.	0.3	0.3	0.3
3027	Inter-Agency Financial	Admin - Department-wide	RSA Administration, Finance Chargeback (IRIS).	0.6	0.6	0.6
3038	Inter-Agency Management/Consulting	Law - Administrative Services (2164)	RSA Law, Information services, project and management support.	0.0	7.8	7.8

**Personal Services Expenditure Detail**  
**Department of Law**

**Scenario:** FY2022 Governor (17280)  
**Component:** Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (2764)  
**RDU:** Civil Division (35)

PCN	Job Class Title	Time Status	Retire Code	Barg Unit	Location	Salary Sched	Range / Step	Comp Months	Split / Count	Annual Salaries	COLA	Premium Pay	Annual Benefits	Total Costs	UGF Amount			
03-0063	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	11J / K	12.0		47,400	636	0	34,982	83,018	20,755			
03-0103	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	24F / J	12.0		109,327	0	0	56,032	165,359	33,072			
03-0108	Attorney VI	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	26P	12.0		148,259	0	0	68,997	217,256	0			
03-0424	Public Aua I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	22K	12.0		102,902	1,381	0	53,942	158,225	0			
08-6028	Public Aua I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	22M / N	12.0		110,897	1,488	0	56,673	169,058	0			
08-6045	Public Aua II	FT	A	SS	Anchorage	99	24Q	12.0		150,225	0	0	69,692	219,917	0			
08-6071	Public Aua I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	99	22O	12.0		114,350	1,534	0	57,852	173,736	0			
08-6073	Public Aua I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	22B / C	12.0		82,662	1,109	0	47,028	130,799	0			
08-6079	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	11J / K	12.0		47,273	634	0	34,939	82,846	0			
<b>Total</b>													<b>Total Salary Costs:</b>	913,295				
<b>Positions</b>													<b>Total COLA:</b>	6,782				
<b>New</b>													<b>Total Premium Pay:</b>	0				
<b>Deleted</b>													<b>Total Benefits:</b>	480,137				
<b>Full Time Positions:</b>	9	0	0												<b>Total Pre-Vacancy:</b>	1,400,214		
<b>Part Time Positions:</b>	0	0	0												<b>Minus Vacancy Adjustment of 0.99%:</b>	(13,914)		
<b>Non Permanent Positions:</b>	0	0	0												<b>Total Post-Vacancy:</b>	1,386,300		
<b>Positions in Component:</b>	9	0	0												<b>Plus Lump Sum Premium Pay:</b>	0		
<b>Total Component Months:</b>	108.0															<b>Personal Services Line 100:</b>	1,386,300	

PCN Funding Sources:	Pre-Vacancy	Post-Vacancy	Percent
1004 General Fund Receipts	53,826	53,291	3.84%
1141 RCA Receipts	1,346,388	1,333,009	96.16%
<b>Total PCN Funding:</b>	<b>1,400,214</b>	<b>1,386,300</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Note: If a position is split, an asterisk (\*) will appear in the Split/Count column. If the split position is also counted in the component, two asterisks (\*\*) will appear in this column. [No valid job title] appearing in the Job Class Title indicates that the PCN has an invalid class code or invalid range for the class code effective date of this scenario.

# CIVIL DIVISION

## Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy

