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The Honorable Bert Stedman Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 518 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Honorable Neal Foster Co-Chair, House Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 505 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Honorable Click Bishop Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 516 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Honorable Kelly Merrick Co-Chair, House Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 511 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: FY2022 Operating Budget Amendments HB69 / SB49

Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs,

Enclosed, please find one amendment to the FY2022 operating budget. This amendment appropriates \$3,000,000,000 from the Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve Account to the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund. This appropriation is intended to provide short-term bridge funding to address the state's projected fiscal deficit over the next several years while a comprehensive fiscal plan is implemented.

Thank you for your consideration of this amendment.

Sincerely,

Neil Steininger

Director

Enclosures

Alexei Painter, Director, Legislative Finance Division cc:

Miles Baker, Director, Governor's Legislative Office