

Legal, Expertise, and Consultation Services to Support Statehood Defense

FY2024 Request: \$10,000,000
Reference No: 64835

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Research / Studies / Planning
Category: Law and Justice
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Cheri Lowenstien
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3899

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This initiative will pursue consultation and legal services related to defense of Alaska’s rights provided at statehood to develop and protect the state’s natural resources, to manage its fish and wildlife resources, and to protect state sovereignty.

Funding:	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>Total</u>
1004 Gen Fund	\$10,000,000						\$10,000,000
Total:	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Project Description/Justification:

The Office of the Governor will coordinate initiatives across departments to retain outside legal counsel, experts, and consultants in addition to the Department of Law attorneys and staff to represent the state in asserting the state’s right to develop, manage and protect all of the state’s natural resources navigable waters, access to lands, the management of fish and wildlife resources, and protecting the state’s sovereignty. Whenever possible, the department will strive to utilize internal resources in order to achieve the greatest value for representation of the state in these matters.