

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Equipment / Commodities

Category: Public Protection

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2030

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) Aircraft Section provides aircraft support, transportation, prisoner transport, and emergency response support. This request will enhance the department's aircraft fleet to ensure mission delivery readiness.

Funding:	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$6,500,000						\$6,500,000
Total:	\$6,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,500,000

<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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

The department will initiate Phase 2 of its aircraft purchase plan with the primary focus on aircraft that can service outlying areas of Alaska. The department will enhance its fleet with the aircraft listed below:

Project Description/Justification:

Pilatus PCN 12NG. The Pilatus PC 12NG would be a significant lifesaving and mission critical asset for the Department of Public Safety (DPS). This aircraft has the capability to land at 96 percent of the 215 maintained airports across Alaska allowing for rapid law enforcement response.

The Pilatus PC-12NG is a world-renowned single engine turbine-powered, all-weather aircraft that has built a worldwide reputation for being reliable and capable. This aircraft is utilized across the globe, and throughout Alaska, to transport passengers and cargo to remote areas. This airframe has proven itself particularly useful in the Alaskan environment. The Pilatus PC-12 NG sits higher off the ground than other aircraft and has significantly better landing and takeoff capabilities, allowing the aircraft to access 96 percent of the 215 maintained airports across Alaska (assuming the aircraft is fully loaded). All airports in Alaska could be accessed with less than full load or in emergency circumstances. This aircraft has great potential for the DPS considering its performance capabilities, the large cargo door, and its ability to convert the interior for transportation of passengers, cargo, search and rescue, or a combination of these services. The Pilatus PC-12NG would be able to provide a broader level of service to Alaskan citizens than

similar turbine powered all weather aircraft. This aircraft will significantly enhance the capability of the DPS by:

- Providing rapid law enforcement response to nearly every community with a maintained airport in Alaska.
- Providing cost saving alternatives for the movement of department employees across the state to their duty posts, temporary assignments, and training.
- Helping to fulfill the department's mandate to transport prisoners statewide.
- Avoiding reliance on aircraft charters, which are often contingent on safety evaluations by vendors that consider weather and dangers associated with law enforcement response.