

State of Alaska FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Teacher Certification Component Budget Summary

Component: Teacher Certification

Contribution to Department's Mission

1. To ensure that only qualified applicants are certified to teach in Alaska.
2. To ensure that teacher education programs in Alaska conform to nationally recognized standards.

Core Services

- Receive, review, analyze, and evaluate all applications for initial, renewal of, removal of, and additional credentials and endorsements for the teaching profession as required by regulation and AS.14.20.370;
- Issue, deny, and/or notify applicant of the determination regarding their credentials;
- Submit fingerprint cards to the Department of Public Safety and FBI for background checks on all initial and renewal applicants;
- Notify applicants and monitor any resubmitted fingerprint card;
- Deny credentials for applicants that have a criminal disclosure;
- Exchange revocation information with the National Clearinghouse for teacher licensure records; Issue Alaska credentials to all eligible applicants for teacher, administrator, special service, and limited license specialty areas;
- Review and approve all Alaska teacher education training programs in institutions of higher education;
- Monitor the status of obligors to Child Support Enforcement and Postsecondary Education;
- Collect and analyze data from every school district to determine the number of teachers and paraprofessionals that meet the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) "highly qualified" definitions; and
- Collaborate with National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and with colleges and universities in the accreditation process that have been approved by the State Board of Education & Early Development.

| FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results | | |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| FY2006 Component Budget: \$633,700 | Personnel: | |
| | Full time | 5 |
| | Part time | 0 |
| | Total | 5 |

Key Component Challenges

Teacher Recruitment and Retention

There continues to be a nationwide shortage of education professionals that is making it increasingly difficult for Alaska school districts to attract and retain highly qualified teachers. Even with the most optimistic projections, Alaska's university system will only be able to supply a quarter of our teachers over the next five to ten years. Given that three-quarters of our teaching work force will need to come from outside of Alaska, we must be able to compete with other states who are offering a number of incentives to new teachers, including signing bonuses and housing allowances. The State is working to ensure that these professionals who choose to work in Alaska are trained in Alaska's standards and educational policy issues.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

Improve student achievement through increased focus on instruction and professional development for teachers and paraprofessionals.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

- Adopted passing scores for the Praxis II examinations for teachers to meet the Highly Qualified requirements of NCLB;
- Adopted the HELP Assessment as meeting the requirement of a rigorous assessment and the Paraprofessional Checklist for paraprofessionals to use to meet the qualifications under NCLB;
- Amended and realigned fingerprint regulations to comply with requirements from the Alaska Department of Public Safety; and
- Issued a total of 4,105 certificates.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 12.62.160
4 AAC 12.010 - .900
AS 14.20.010 - .040

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**Teacher Certification
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

| | FY2004 Actuals | FY2005 Management Plan | FY2006 Governor |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Non-Formula Program: | | | |
| Component Expenditures: | | | |
| 71000 Personal Services | 262.5 | 297.2 | 314.8 |
| 72000 Travel | 4.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 |
| 73000 Services | 229.2 | 280.9 | 274.8 |
| 74000 Commodities | 2.8 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| 75000 Capital Outlay | 0.8 | 15.1 | 15.1 |
| 77000 Grants, Benefits | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 78000 Miscellaneous | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Expenditure Totals | 499.3 | 622.2 | 633.7 |
| Funding Sources: | | | |
| 1007 Inter-Agency Receipts | 0.0 | 16.4 | 16.4 |
| 1156 Receipt Supported Services | 499.3 | 605.8 | 617.3 |
| Funding Totals | 499.3 | 622.2 | 633.7 |

Estimated Revenue Collections

| Description | Master Revenue Account | FY2004 Actuals | FY2005 Management Plan | FY2006 Governor |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted Revenues | | | | |
| None. | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Unrestricted Total | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Restricted Revenues | | | | |
| Interagency Receipts | 51015 | 0.0 | 16.4 | 16.4 |
| Receipt Supported Services | 51073 | 499.3 | 605.8 | 617.3 |
| Restricted Total | | 499.3 | 622.2 | 633.7 |
| Total Estimated Revenues | | 499.3 | 622.2 | 633.7 |

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

| | <u>General Funds</u> | <u>Federal Funds</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FY2005 Management Plan | 0.0 | 0.0 | 622.2 | 622.2 |
| Adjustments which will continue current level of service: | | | | |
| -FY 05 Bargaining Unit Contract Terms: GGU | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| -FY06 Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.7 | 8.7 |
| FY2006 Governor | 0.0 | 0.0 | 633.7 | 633.7 |

**Teacher Certification
Personal Services Information**

| Authorized Positions | | Personal Services Costs | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| | <u>FY2005</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u> | <u>FY2006</u> <u>Governor</u> | | |
| Full-time | 5 | 5 | Annual Salaries | 211,765 |
| Part-time | 0 | 0 | COLA | 2,760 |
| Nonpermanent | 0 | 0 | Premium Pay | 0 |
| | | | Annual Benefits | 117,912 |
| | | | <i>Less 2.99% Vacancy Factor</i> | <i>(9,937)</i> |
| | | | Lump Sum Premium Pay | 0 |
| Totals | 5 | 5 | Total Personal Services | 322,500 |

Position Classification Summary

| Job Class Title | Anchorage | Fairbanks | Juneau | Others | Total |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Education Admin II | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Education Assoc II | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Education Prog Assistant | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Totals | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 |