

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development
Professional Teaching Practices Commission
Component

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Component Mission

To ensure that qualified, ethical educators are members of the teaching profession in Alaska.

Component Services Provided

1. Investigating allegations of misconduct by members of the teaching profession, and insuring that all persons against whom complaints are filed are awarded due process.
2. Disciplining educators who have been shown by a preponderance of the evidence to be incompetent; have committed an act of moral turpitude; are guilty of noncompliance with school laws of the state or regulations of the department; have violated ethical or professional standards or contractual obligations.
3. Providing information on certification, ethics, and other educational issues.
4. Reviewing the regulations of the department as they relate to teacher certification and provide input representing views of the Commission.
5. Preventing unfit educators from entering the profession in Alaska by doing background checks and evaluations on applicants when requested by the department.

Component Goals and Strategies

1. Investigate all properly filed complaints against educators.
2. Conduct hearings whenever evidence is sufficient to bring a formal accusation.
3. Respond to all requests for Code of Ethics information. Promulgate new Code of Ethics standards when the need arises.
4. Make recommendations for changes in certification standards and/or procedures whenever a study results in a formal Commission position.
5. Provide consultations regarding problem situations at the time of the request.
6. Provide PTPC handbooks to all schools and other interested persons.
7. Publish a semi-annual newsletter regarding professional ethics to be distributed to every educator in the state.
8. Make the Code of Ethics brochure available to all educators and other interested persons.
9. Conduct a background check on each certification applicant who has a conviction or a previous disciplinary action on his record and to make a determination on the applicant's fitness to teach.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

* The ability of the PTPC to investigate all complaints timely or pursue lengthy investigations or hearings is limited by the resources available. The PTPC is funded entirely by fees paid by individuals seeking teaching certification in Alaska.

* The PTPC continues to increase public knowledge and awareness of professional, ethical standards for teachers and administrators and the responsibilities of the PTPC.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

* Completed 75 investigations of complaints against educators.

* Conducted 5 appeal hearings.

* Disciplined 8 educators through suspension, revocation or recommendation for denial of licensure.

* Published and distributed a semiannual newsletter to all educators and other interested parties in the state.

* Presentations were given to graduating teacher candidates at the University of Alaska, Anchorage and Fairbanks, and Alaska Public University on professional ethics and the PTPC.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.20.030

4 AAC 12

4 AAC 18

AS 14.20.370-.510

AS 44.62

20 AAC 10.010-.900

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	138.1	139.4	129.5
72000 Travel	9.8	5.3	10.3
73000 Contractual	32.2	40.2	43.5
74000 Supplies	1.2	1.0	2.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	2.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	181.3	185.9	187.3
Funding Sources:			
1005 General Fund/Program Receipts	181.3	0.0	0.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services	0.0	185.9	187.3
Funding Totals	181.3	185.9	187.3

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
General Fund Program Receipts	51060	181.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Receipt Supported Services	51073	0.0	185.9	185.9	187.3	187.3
Restricted Total		181.3	185.9	185.9	187.3	187.3
Total Estimated Revenues		181.3	185.9	185.9	187.3	187.3

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

There are no proposed changes in the levels of service for FY2002.

Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	0.0	0.0	185.9	185.9
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Year 2 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2001	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.4
FY2002 Governor	0.0	0.0	187.3	187.3

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Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	95,112
Part-time	0	0	COLA	1,910
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	2,150
			Annual Benefits	31,663
			<i>Less 1.02% Vacancy Factor</i>	(1,335)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	129,500

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
Exec Secretary PTPC	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	2	0	0	0	2