

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Transportation/Public Facilities
Measurement Standards & Comm Vehicle Enforcement
Budget Request Unit

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BRU Mission

The mission of the Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement is to protect the traveling public, preserve the state's transportation infrastructure, and protect consumers' interests in weight and measurement transactions.

BRU Services Provided

- Commercial Vehicle Size, Weight and Safety program
- Weights and Measures program
- Metrology Laboratory

BRU Goals and Strategies

To provide protection for the motoring public;
To provide equity in the marketplace by creating a level playing field;
Maintain confidence in the accuracy of commercial marketplace measurements; &
To protect the State's investment in infrastructures.

Key BRU Issues for FY2001 – 2002

see component

Major BRU Accomplishments for FY2000

see component

Key Performance Measures for FY2002

Measure: Commercial vehicle safety inspections per full-time equivalent employee of the division.
(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)

Current Status:

During FY2000, actual performance was 145.54 inspections per full-time-equivalent employee of the division compared to 109.81 per full-time-equivalent employee in FY99. The Division completed 4,512 inspections during FY2000. From 7/1/00 through 10/15/00, the division has completed 1,511 inspections.

Benchmark:

To date, there is no established national standard for this performance measure, although, the Department's goal is to reach 5,000 inspections per year.

Background and Strategies:

The division anticipates further efficiencies through streamlining the inspection process by implementing electronic inspection reporting at the field level. Two laptops were deployed in September to test this new electronic reporting system. During FY00 31 employees were trained in the North American Standards driver/vehicle safety inspection training and 27 employees attended training for Cargo Tank and Hazardous Materials. This training was conducted over an eight to ten week period covering Alaska statewide and included local police departments and State Troopers.

Measure: Weighing and measuring device inspections conducted per full-time equivalent.
(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)

Current Status:

During FY2000 there were a total of 14,813 weighing and measuring devices inspected for a total of 1,481 inspections conducted per full-time-equivalent employee of the division compared to 1,397 inspections conducted per full-time-equivalent employee in FY99.

Benchmark:

To date, there is no established national standard for this performance measure. Although, the Department's goal is to maintain a level of 15,000 inspections per year based upon a 0% vacancy factor.

Background and Strategies:

The predominant factor influencing this measure is the number of available inspection hours. We expect to enhance our productivity by utilizing a new Weights & Measures software program, reducing the need for redundant data entry. This productivity enhancement should enable us to achieve 1,500 inspections per full-time-equivalent employee of the division.

Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
• Increase driver and vehicle safety inspections to 3,600 per year.					X
• Maintain number of size, weight, safety and permit violations at no more than 325 per year.					X
• Commercial vehicle safety inspections per full-time equivalent employee of the division.		X			
• Weighing and measuring device inspections conducted per full-time equivalent.		X			

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BRU Financial Summary by Component

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals				FY2001 Authorized				FY2002 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Measurement Standards	3,404.3	0.0	397.9	3,802.2	2,023.2	0.0	2,164.1	4,187.3	2,005.0	0.0	2,629.5	4,634.5
DOT State Facilities Rent	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.4	0.0	0.0	11.4	11.4	0.0	0.0	11.4
Totals	3,404.3	0.0	397.9	3,802.2	2,034.6	0.0	2,164.1	4,198.7	2,016.4	0.0	2,629.5	4,645.9

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

The Division proposes changes in the level of service by:

- improving commercial vehicle safety compliance by performing compliance reviews at carrier's place of business.
- participating in measurement accuracy assurance for on-shore fish processors engaged in CDQ activities.

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Summary of BRU Budget Changes by Component

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	2,034.6	0.0	2,164.1	4,198.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Measurement Standards	-18.2	0.0	23.7	5.5
Proposed budget increases:				
-Measurement Standards	0.0	0.0	441.7	441.7
FY2002 Governor	2,016.4	0.0	2,629.5	4,645.9