

# **State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget**

Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Office of the Commissioner  
Budget Request Unit

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### **BRU Mission**

The mission of the Office of the Commissioner is to provide support and policy direction to divisions within the department.

### **BRU Services Provided**

The Commissioner's Office component provides direction to the department's divisions in the administration of the department's programs.

The Alaska Labor Relations Agency component facilitates the resolution of disputes between organized labor and public employers in the state. The Agency promotes cooperative relations between government and its employees and protects the public's interest in the provision of uninterrupted government services.

The Alaska Human Resource Investment Council facilitates coordination of state workforce development programs in order to better serve Alaska's job seekers and employers.

### **BRU Goals and Strategies**

#### **1) PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALASKANS**

- Increase the public's access to employment services.
- Participate in economic development activities.
- Strengthen the involvement of business and industry in developing Alaska's workforce.
- Monitor the utilization of training dollars and promote increased training opportunities.

#### **2) ASSIST IN PROVIDING UNINTERRUPTED GOVERNMENT SERVICES.**

- Conduct training sessions on the Public Employment Relations Act.
- Provide mediation and conciliation services.

### **Key BRU Issues for FY2001 – 2002**

Integrate job training and employment services within the planning process for major state economic development projects.

Prepare and plan for the maximum use of Alaska's resident workforce for the construction and operation of a potential Alaska gas line project.

Ensure efficient delivery of job training services through the new Workforce Investment Act while actively engaging business and industry in its mandated advisory role.

Implement Alaska State Training Employment Program plan.

Provide employment and job training services within the fisheries disaster regions of rural Alaska and other areas experiencing economic distress.

Continue to apply streamlined procedures to reduce the unit clarification backlog. These clarifications determine which bargaining unit a position belongs in.

### **Major BRU Accomplishments for FY2000**

In 1999, 7,194 more Alaskans were employed than in 1998, and wages earned by Alaskans (as determined by Permanent Fund Dividend data) increased by \$169.8 million.

4,723 fewer non-residents worked in Alaska in 1999 than in 1998, while wages leaving Alaska with non-resident workers decreased \$80.8 million.

Transferred the Alaska Human Resources Investment Council from the Office of the Governor to DOL to provide a more direct link with the delivery of employment and job training services.

Established a network to monitor workforce development activities throughout the state and coordinate activities with agencies involved in economic and community development.

Provided timely response to unit clarification petitions, representation and decertification petitions, and strike vote activity.

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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
<b>Formula Expenditures</b>												
None.												
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Human Res	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	407.1	407.1	0.0	0.0	407.9	407.9
Investment												
Council												
Commissioner's Office	383.2	9.7	107.9	500.8	391.7	80.9	91.7	564.3	393.3	80.5	92.1	565.9
Alaska Labor Relations Agency	322.5	0.0	0.0	322.5	331.7	0.0	0.0	331.7	332.3	0.0	0.0	332.3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>705.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>823.3</b>	<b>723.4</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>498.8</b>	<b>1,303.1</b>	<b>725.6</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>1,306.1</b>

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**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002**

No change in the level of service is anticipated.

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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>
<b>FY2001 Authorized</b>	<b>723.4</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>498.8</b>	<b>1,303.1</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Human Res Investment Council	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8
-Commissioner's Office	1.6	-0.4	0.4	1.6
-Alaska Labor Relations Agency	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
<b>FY2002 Governor</b>	<b>725.6</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>1,306.1</b>