

House Finance Committee

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Governor's Budget Overview
Department of Education and Early Development

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Representative Gara expressed concern about staff losses across the state. He wondered if DEED had calculated an estimate base student allocation (BSA) adjustment in an attempt to avoid future budget decreases.

Commissioner Hanley replied that an estimate was offered two years ago through the superintendent's organization, but he had not calculated another recently. He stated that he did not have current estimates.

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Co-Chair Austerman pointed out that the governor's bill pointed to a BSA estimate. He wondered how the estimate was determined without current data.

Commissioner Hanley replied that the governor took the initiative to focus targeted funds for targeted outcomes. The governor was willing to estimate a one and one-half increase of the current BSA. The governor recognized the increase as modest with Alaska's fiscal climate.