

**Alaska Municipal League  
Resolution #2019-10**

**A resolution encouraging the Governor and Legislature to increase capacity within the Office of Management and Budget to evaluate costs to communities of State and Legislative budget and legislative actions, and to include a municipal impact fiscal note in all relevant legislation.**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's Office of Management and Budget is an incredible resource for assessing current and potential budget action, including the impact of legislative actions; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget currently includes a director, three policy analysts, and seven budget analysts; and

WHEREAS, each Office of Management and Budget analyst is responsible for different areas within the budget, mainly by Department, but also around a variety of State priorities and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget does not currently have a dedicated analyst focused on municipal policy or budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League has in the past called for a fiscal note to be included in all legislation, which would describe municipal impacts; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Office of Management and Budget strengthen its capacity to be able to address this, and it is the position of the Alaska Municipal League that this not be added to the current workload of existing staff; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget is encouraged to coordinate its municipal analysis with the Division of Community and Regional Affairs and the Legislative Finance Division, including to potentially cost-share this position between agencies; and

WHEREAS, strengthening the State's capacity in this regard will improve the efficacy of all legislation, provide policymakers with the critical information they need to weigh costs and benefits of legislation and provide clarity to municipal governments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League requests that the Governor and Alaska State Legislature increase capacity within the Office of Management and Budget to evaluate costs to communities of State and Legislative budget and legislative actions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League encourage consideration of a municipal impact fiscal note to be included in all relevant legislation prior to submission.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.

Signed:   
President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest:   
Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League