

**State of Alaska  
Executive Order 136  
Statement of Cost**

**Summary**

This executive order transfers the duties and functions related to agriculture under the Department of Natural Resources to a new Department of Agriculture. The statutory responsibilities and functions for agriculture do not change.

The commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources will need to consult with the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture versus the Board of Agriculture and Conservation on the disposal or sale of land for agricultural purposes.

This executive order also renames the Natural Resource Conservation and Development Board to the Soil and Water Conservation and Development Board. The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture serves as ex officio to the board and appoints the executive director of the board. The board’s responsibilities and current composition do not change.

In order to implement this executive order, the Department of Agriculture will need 13 new permanent full-time (PFT) positions (PCNs) supported with general funds authority to staff the Commissioner’s Office and Administrative Services Section, which will be located within the Commissioner’s Office for efficient administration. The personal services costs needed to fund the 13 positions is \$2,103.5. In addition, three existing positions would need to be reclassified, at a total cost of \$54.3. in the commodities line includes \$65.0 one-time set-up costs at \$5.0 per position.

**Agency Cost Summary**

Agency	Cost
<b>Alaska Department of Natural Resources</b>	\$0
<b>Alaska Department of Agriculture</b>	
PCN: 13 new positions	13 PFT PCNs
Personal Services	\$2,157.8
Travel	\$113.0
Services	\$370.3
Commodities (includes \$65.0 one-time cost)	\$93.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,734.4</b>

Note: A total of 37 existing positions (32 full-time and five part-time) and \$7,266.0 in funding requested in the Governor’s FY2026 proposed budget for the Division of Agriculture will be transferred from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture. Funding breakdown shown below.

Funding	Amount
UGF	\$3,125.5
DGF	1,992.2
Other	330.4
Federal	1,817.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,266.0</b>