**Commerce, Justice, Science**

*Provisions Contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of FY 2019*

**Investing in the Arctic**

* **Arctic Research:** Includes language prioritizing Arctic research funded under OAR’s Climate Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes and Regional Climate Data and Information.
* **Arctic Charting:** Emphasizes the importance of addressing the charting backlog in the Arctic, and increases funding for hydrographic surveys.

**Protecting our Oceans and Fisheries**

* **Marine Debris:** Includes a $500,000 increase for NOAA’s Marine Debris Program, which includes removal of abandoned vessels and pilings that harm the ecosystem and hinder recreational fishing.
* **Marine Mammals:**Provides $3.5 million for the Marine Mammal Commission.
* **Ocean Observing:**Reduces duplicative efforts by directing federal agencies collecting regional observations to better integrate and disseminate information to users.
* **National Sea Grant Program:** Provides $68 million for extension, outreach activities, education, and research that will support the growing coastal community utilization of key Sea Grant services within their numerous focus areas.
* **Fisheries Research:** Includes an increase of $3.3 million for fisheries data collection, surveys, and assessments that support commercial fisheries management.
* **Fisheries Disaster Funding:** Includes $15 million for fishery disasters.

**Justice**

* **Opioid/Heroin Grants:** $468 million, an increase of $21.5 million.
* **Violence Against Women Act Programs:** $497.5 million, including $1 million for violence against Native women and $4 million to help tribes implement the Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction established by the 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.
* **Comprehensive School Safety Initiative:** $75 million to help ensure lifesaving resources are available to states and schools to stop violence before it happens, reauthorized by the *STOP School Violence Act*, legislation Senator Murkowski cosponsored.
* **Therapeutic Courts:** $77 million for drug courts and $22 million for veterans’ treatment courts.
* **Youth Mentoring Grants:** $95 million to fund both independent local programs and national programs like Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Big Brothers Big Sisters.
* **Regional Information Sharing Systems:** $37 million for a computer network which allows state and local law enforcement within a particular region to share information and intelligence among their agencies. It has strong support from Alaska’s law enforcement community.
* **Tribal COPS Grant Programs**: $27 million for the program which supports hiring of tribal police and equipping of Village Public Safety Officers Alaska.
* **Legal Services Corporation:** $415 million, a portion of which supports Alaska Legal Services Corporation.

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