Sustaining university system facilities

Critical investment in UA infrastructure
Deferred maintenance is critical. UA facilities are used by many people beyond students, including travelers and wildland firefighters, for the good of all Alaska.

The top priority projects at the university include:
- $17.5 million: UAA heating, mechanical and electrical system improvements
- Professional Studies Building (PSB)
- Wendy Williamson Auditorium (WWA)
- Social Sciences Building (SSB)
- Consortium Library

All four facilities were constructed in the 1970s and the infrastructure is beyond its useful life.

Regents are also requesting facility modernization funding for:
- $3.6 million: UAS’s Technical Education Center (Juneau), Southeast Alaska Maritime Training Center (Ketchikan), and Sitka Hangar (Sitka) need roof replacements or significant repairs.
- $11.3 million: UAF’s projects are focused on student safety and reducing disruption and risk to high occupancy facilities, such as the Patty Pool, Cutler Apartment complex, and replacing 23 aged fire alarm panels in Gruening Building academic spaces and the Rasmuson Library.

The University of Alaska (UA) maintains 394 facilities, spanning 7.9 million square feet. A reliable funding source is required to maintain UA’s infrastructure in support of its educational and research mission.

After many years of deferral of critical projects, there is an increasing risk and evidence of building closures, and a deferred maintenance/renewal & repurposing (DM/R&R) backlog that has grown to over $1.5 billion.

Facility maintenance funding reduces future operating costs; improves safety, energy efficiency, student success and accessibility; extends the life span of facilities; helps to attract world-class faculty, students and researchers; and leverages federal and private funds.

Deferred Maintenance/Renewal & Repurposing
In total, the UA is requesting:
- $17.5 million for priority improvements at UAA
- $54.8 million overall DM/R&R need across the system focusing on critical repairs and facility modernization to improve the student learning experience and increase workforce training capacity.

Capital Budget Deferred Maintenance Funding History

UA’s annual deferred maintenance need is $50 million. Its deferred maintenance/renewal & repurposing (DM/R&R) backlog has grown to over $1.5 billion.