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The Honorable Gary Stevens, Senate President
The Honorable Mike Chenault, Speaker of the House
House and Senate Finance Committee Members
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Legislators:

AS 37.10.430(b) requires that:

By March 15 of each year, the Department of Revenue shall, after consulting with the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, prepare a report setting out the balance in the budget reserve fund (art. IX, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska) on January 1 and on December 31 of the previous calendar year. The report shall state the nominal, real, and realized return on the budget reserve fund compared to the nominal, real, and realized return on the permanent fund and the general fund during the previous calendar year.

The required report is attached.

Page 1 sets forth the fund balances for the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund (CBRF) at January 1 and December 31, 2011.

Page 2 provides comparative annual rates of return for the CBRF, General Fund, and Alaska Permanent Fund. The difference in performance results primarily from the differences in asset allocation among the funds, the relative performance between comparable asset classes, and the differences in cash flow requirements among the funds.

Page 3 provides the comparative target asset allocations at December 31, 2011 of these funds with the CBRF further detailed to reflect its Main and Subaccount allocations. Since the General Fund and CBRF Main fund have a moderate risk tolerance and high liquidity requirements, those funds are invested in fixed income securities (e.g., bonds and other debt obligations), with no investment in equities (e.g., stocks).

I would be happy to answer any questions you have on the attached report or the investment of the CBRF.

Sincerely,

Bryan Butcher
Commissioner

Attachments

Department of Revenue
Treasury Division

Annual Report on the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund

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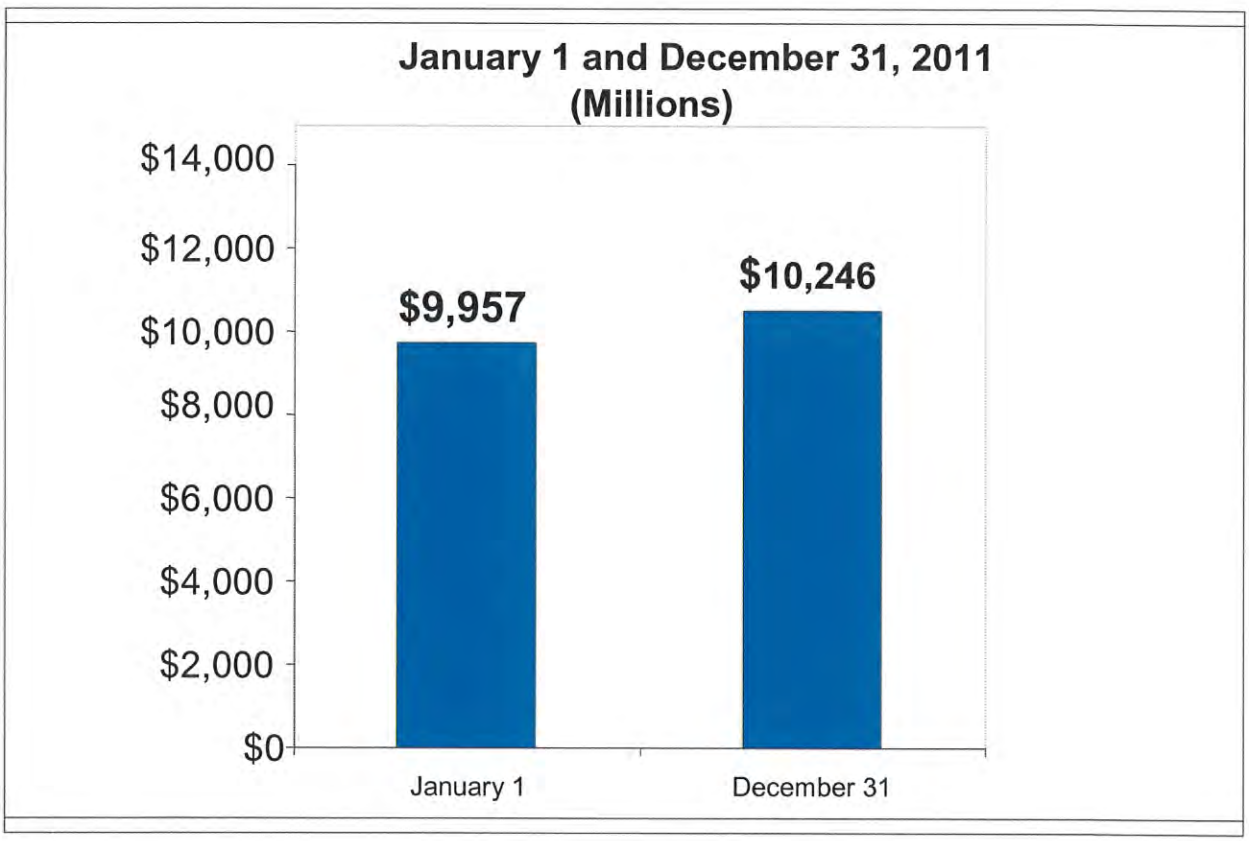
Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund Balances



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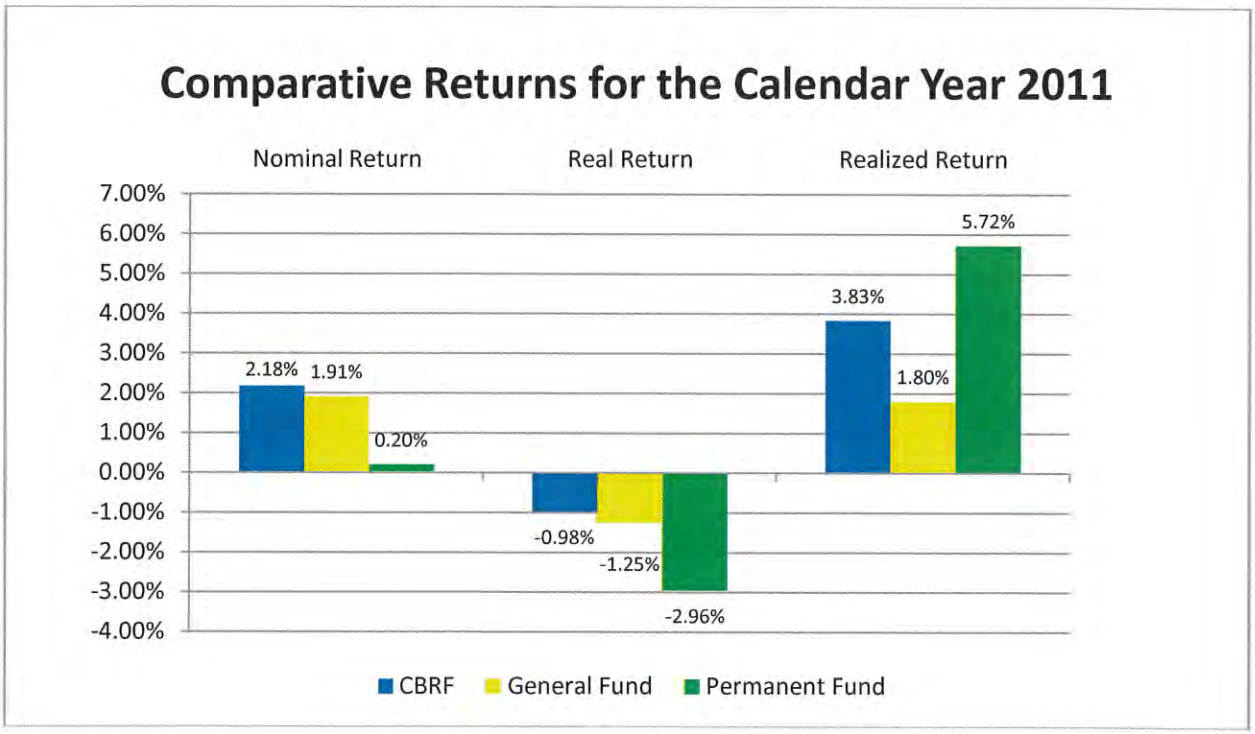

Fund	Nominal (Total) Return [2]	Real Return [3]	Realized Return [4]
Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund [1]	2.18%	-.98%	3.83%
General Fund [5]	1.91%	-1.25%	1.80%
Alaska Permanent Fund [6]	.20%	-2.96%	5.72%

1 Reflects the combined rates of return for the CBRF main account and subaccount. The subaccount alone had a total return of 0.55% for calendar year 2011. The main account alone had a total return of 3.73% for calendar year 2011. The market value of the subaccount at 12/31/2011 was $4.96 billion (approx. 48% of the combined fund).

2 Data for CBRF and General Fund from State Street Analytics Performance Reports. Total return includes all components of investment income, including interest, dividends and realized and unrealized gains and losses.

3 Total return adjusted for the effect of inflation (3.16%) calculated by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation per AS 37.13.145 (c).

4 Custodial banks and external performance providers do not calculate a realized return. These amounts were calculated by staff of the Treasury Division as well as the Permanent Fund Corporation. Realized returns *do not* include unrealized gains and losses in investment income; therefore, *comparisons between realized and total return have no meaning.*

5 Does not include returns on the sale proceeds of Tobacco Settlement Revenue. Although part of the General Fund, these Investments are managed by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and had balances of $47.7 million and $34.9 million on January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 respectively.

6 All information related to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation is provided by Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation.