

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

September 25, 2015

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chair
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Cindy Rosenwald (Alternate)
Representative Daniel Eaton
Representative Richard Barry (Alternate)
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Gerald Little
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Andy Sanborn
Senator John Reagan (Alternate)

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the minutes of the August 26, 2015 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Representative Ober, that all items under Tab (2), Old Business, be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

Requests to withdraw tabled items were received by the; Department of Health and Human Services (FIS 15-125 Additional Information #2 and FIS 15-126 Additional Information #2), Department of Education (FIS 142 Additional Information #2), and Department of Transportation (FIS 15-173 and FIS 15-175 Additional Information).

On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee accept the requests of the Departments of; Health and Human Services, Education, and Transportation to withdraw tabled items; FIS 15-125, FIS 15-126, FIS 15-142, FIS 15-173 and FIS 15-175. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Department of Health and Human Services submitted a letter of intent (FIS 15-207 and FIS 15-208 Additional Information) to withdraw requests; FIS 15-207 – to transfer \$845,471 in general funds through December 31, 2015 and FIS 15-208 –to transfer \$424,830 in general funds through December 31, 2015, which the Committee accepted.

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 15-188 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to accept and expend \$300,000 in federal funds through December 31, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 15-193 Department of Resources and Economic Development – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Resources and Economic Development to accept and expend \$199,878 in federal funds through December 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15, POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 15-194 Department of Justice – Ann Rice, Deputy Attorney General, and Kathleen Carr, Director of Administration, Department of Justice, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to; 1) accept and expend \$242,367 in other funds through December 31, 2015, and contingent upon approval of #1, further authorization to; 2) establish one (1) full-time temporary Planning Analyst/Data Systems position (LG 24) and 3) establish a consultant position through December 31, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 15-195 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to; 1) accept and expend \$7,747,351 in federal funds through December 31, 2015, and 2) establish two (2) part-time temporary Program Assistant positions through December 31, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 7:6-e DISPOSITION OF FUNDS OBTAINED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

FIS 15-186 Department of Justice – Ann Rice, Deputy Attorney General, and Kathleen Carr, Director of Administration, Department of Justice, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to retain \$581,177.05 in settlement funds from multistate settlements and request to expend the funds in support of the Department's Consumer/Antitrust Bureau. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 21-I:30, II MEDICAL AND SURGICAL BENEFITS:

FIS 15-201 Replacement Department of Administrative Services – Vicki Quiram, Commissioner, Catherine Keane, Director of Risk and Benefits, and Sarah Trask, Senior Financial Analyst Risk and Benefits, Department of Administrative Services responded to questions of the Committee.

A recess was called at 11:23 a.m., and the Committee reconvened at 11:38 a.m.

On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee table the replacement request of the Department of Administrative Services for approval of plan design changes to the Retiree Health Benefit Plan effective January 1, 2016, and authority to increase the premium contribution for Under 65 (non-Medicare) retirees from 12.5% to 15% effective April 1, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED. (7-Yes, 1-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

FIS 15-206 Office of Legislative Budget Assistant – Michael Kane, Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the request to the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant to appoint Christopher Shea as Deputy Legislative Budget Assistant, and to set his salary at letter grade P, step 7, effective September 25, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

Michael Kane, Legislative Budget Assistant, requested approval to fill one (1) vacant assistant budget officer position in the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Budget Division.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant to fill one (1) vacant assistant budget officer position in the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Budget Division. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 15-185 Administrative Office of The Courts – RSA 490:26-h, IV – Donald Goodnow, Director, Administrative Office of The Courts responded to questions of the Committee regarding the Annual Report of Income and Expenditures of the Judicial Branch Information Technology Fund for the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

10:30 a.m.

AUDITS:

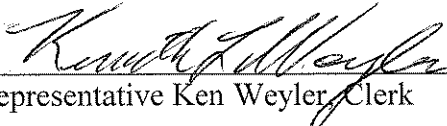
State Of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, Food Protection Section , Performance Audit Report, July 2015 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Stephen Grady, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Nicholas Toumpas, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services was present to respond to questions of the Committee.

The Committee accepted, placed on file, and released the report in the usual manner on August 26, 2015.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 16, 2015.

Representative Weyler made a motion that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk