

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

April 15, 2016

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, April 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chairman
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Daniel Eaton
Senator Jeanie Forrester
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Gerald Little
Senator Andy Sanborn
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the minutes of the March 18, 2016 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes, 1-Abstain)

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 15-229 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to implement the actions contained in the Cost Savings Plan to support the dual purposes within the Sununu Youth Services Center of providing both secure youth detention and psychiatric residential treatment. (FIS 15-229 Additional Information – Letter from Representative Kurk, dated November 18, 2015, containing two separate provisions relative to the funding of the Sununu Youth Services Center). Tabled 12/18/15. No Action Taken.

FIS 16-053 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to; 1) accept and expend \$170,170 in federal funds through June 30, 2017, and subject to approval of #1

authorization to, 2) establish a class 046 consultant position through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 16-057 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

The Committee recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 11:22 a.m.

On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to; 1) accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$7,460,754 for SFY 2016 and \$14,921,509 for SFY 2017 retroactive to January 5, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and subject to approval of #1 authorization to, 2) transfer general and agency funds in the amounts of \$6,628,814 and \$831,940 respectively for a combined total of \$7,460,754 in SFY 2016 and \$13,257,629 and \$1,663,880 respectively for a combined total of \$14,921,509 in SFY 2017, and subject to approval of #1 and #2 authorization to, 3) accept and expend \$7,460,754 for SFY 2016 and \$14,921,509 for SFY 2017 in federal funds retroactive to January 5, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

A roll call was taken and the results were as follows:

Representative Kurk – No
Representative Eaton – Yes
Representative Ober – No
Representative Wallner – Yes
Representative Weyler – No
Senator Forrester – Yes
Senator Little – Yes
Senate President Morse – Yes
Senator Sanborn – No
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes (6-Yes; 4-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

FIS 16-073 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, responded to questions of the Committee regarding the March 31, 2016 Operating Statistics Dashboard.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 14:30-a, III AUDIT TOPIC RECOMMENDATION BY LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE
AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

FIS 16-060 Letter from Senator John Reagan, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee table the request of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the following new performance audit topics: 1) Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Naturopathic Examiners, Efficient and Effective Operations; and 2) Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons, Efficient and Effective Program Operations **with the exception of recommendation 3) Department of Corrections, Sex Offender Treatment Program.** MOTION ADOPTED. (5-Yes, 3-No)

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the recommendation of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee of the following new performance audit topic; 3) Department of Corrections, Sex Offender Treatment Program. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of The Chair, FIS 16-061 Department of Resources and Economic Development was removed from the consent calendar.

FIS 16-061 Department of Resources and Economic Development – Christopher Marino, Administrator, and Victoria Cimino, Director of Travel and Tourism, Department of Resources and Economic Development, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Resources and Economic Development to transfer \$150,000 in general funds through June 30, 2016. 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:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 16-062 Department of Transportation – authorization to accept and expend \$200,000,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2017]

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 16-063 Department of Safety – authorization to establish one (1) temporary part-time Program Assistant II (LG 15) position through September 30, 2016]

RSA 206:33-b TRANSFERS FROM FISH AND GAME FUND:

FIS 16-064 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$78,000 from the NH Fish and Game Fund Reserve to the Fish and Game FY 2016 Operating Budget through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 604-A:1-b ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

FIS 16-065 Judicial Council – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$40,000 in general funds through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 16-066 Judicial Council – Nina Gardner, Chairman, NH Judicial Council, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$70,000 in general funds through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:4, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES;
TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND CLASSES:

FIS 16-070 Department of Administrative Services – Vicki Quiram, Commissioner, and Joseph Bouchard, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee table the request of the Department of Administrative Services to transfer \$140,000 in general funds in and among accounting units through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested that representatives from; the Judicial Branch, Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Corrections attend the next meeting to respond to questions of the Committee.

CHAPTER 276:29, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

FIS 16-067 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$265,000 between Highway Fund accounts and classes through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:143, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 16-072 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$18,968,333 in general funds, decrease federal revenues in the amount of \$1,393,110, and decrease related other revenues in the amount of \$26,941 through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:219, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TRANSFERS:

FIS 16-068 Department of Corrections – William Wrenn, Commissioner, and Doreen Wittenberg, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to transfer \$2,114,300 in general funds through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:233, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 16-071 Department of Education – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Education to transfer \$130,428 in federal funds through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, May 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

AUDITS:

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee accept the six (6) audits on the agenda, place on file, and release in the usual manner.
MOTION ADOPTED.

State of New Hampshire, Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs, For The Year Ended June 30, 2015 and State of New Hampshire, Management Letter, Year Ended June 30, 2015 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, and Marie Zimmerman, Audit Partner, and Karen Farrell, Senior Manager, KPMG, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Vicki Quiram, Commissioner, and Gerard Murphy, Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

State of New Hampshire, Turnpike System, Management Letter, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, and Karen Farrell, Senior Manager, KPMG, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation, was present to respond to questions of the Committee.

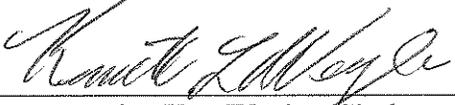
State of New Hampshire, Liquor Commission, Management Letter, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Jean Mitchell, Audit Supervisor, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Joseph Mollica, Chairman, and Tina Demers, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Liquor Commission, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

State of New Hampshire, Department of Administrative Services, Back Office Consolidation, Performance Audit Report, April 2016 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and John Clinch, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Vicki Quiram, Commissioner, and Gerard Murphy, Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

State of New Hampshire, Resources and Economic Development, Office of Workforce Opportunity, WorkReadyNH, Performance Audit Report, April 2016 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Vilay Sihabouth, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Carmen Lorentz, Director, Division of Economic Development, and Jackie Heuser, Director, Office of Workforce Opportunity, Department of Resources and Economic Development, and Charlotte Williams, WorkReadyNH Statewide Liaison, Community College System of New Hampshire, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton that the meeting adjourn. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned and reminded Members that the next meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, May 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk