

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

September 21, 2018

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, September 21, 2018 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
Representative Frank Byron (Alternate)
Senator Gary Daniels
Senator Regina Birdsell
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator James Gray (Alternate)
Senator John Reagan

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the minutes of the July 20, 2018 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

FIS 18-172 Letter from Representative Lynne Ober, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of Representative Ober, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the following one (1) new performance audit topic: Department of Health and Human Services, Therapeutic Cannabis Program: Issuance of Registry Identification Cards. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair announced that all items under this section would be taken up individually.

FIS 18-160 Department of Health and Human Services – Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, and Travis Boucher, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Hospital, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$458,200 in general funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-170 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to establish various non-budgeted classes in various accounting units and transfer \$64,050 between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-173 Department of Health and Human Services – Christine Santaniello, Director, Division of Long-Term Support and Services, and Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services was also present to respond to Committee questions.

The Office of The Governor submitted a letter of support (FIS 18-173 Additional Information) for the Department of Health and Human Services request, which was distributed prior to the meeting.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$1,298,592 in federal and general funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED. (7-Yes, 3-No)

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

The Chair announced that all items under this section would be taken up individually.

FIS 18-155 Department of Safety – On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$180,565 in other funds through September 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-156 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, Department of Safety presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$109,570 in other funds through September 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-163 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$1,781,531 in federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-164 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$135,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-165 Department of Transportation – Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to accept and expend \$106,250 in other funds through March 31, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-171 Office of Strategic Initiatives – Jared Chicoine, Director, and Joseph Doiron, Deputy Director, Office of Strategic Initiatives, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Karen Rantamaki, State Energy Manager, Department of Administrative Services was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Strategic Initiatives to accept and expend \$275,456 in federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-174 Department of Education – On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Education to accept and expend \$618,375 in federal funds through December 31, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 18-177 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to; 1) establish class 046 Consultant positions through December 31, 2018. 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

The Chair announced that all items under this section would be taken up individually.

FIS 18-175 Replacement Department of Health and Human Services – The Department of Health and Human Services submitted a replacement request for authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$1,508,931 in federal funds, and 2) subject to approval of request #1, authorization to establish one (1) full-time temporary Administrator II (LG 29) position.

Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, and Katja Fox, Director of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the replacement request of the Department of Health and Human Services through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$1,508,931 in federal funds, and 2) subject to approval of request #1, authorization to establish one (1) full-time temporary Administrator II (LG 29) position. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-176 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Abby Shockley, Substance Use Policy, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$19,296,637 in federal funds, and 2) subject to approval of request #1, authorization to establish six full-time temporary positions consisting of; an Internal Auditor II (LG 21), a Business Administrator II (LG 24), two (2) Program Specialist IV (LG 25), a Business Systems Analyst II (LG 30), and an Executive Project Manager (LG 35). MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-178 Department of Administrative Services – Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Karen Rantamaki, State Energy Manager, Department of Administrative Services presented the request and 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 Administrative Services through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$146,500 in other funds, and 2) extend one (1) temporary part-time Program Specialist I position (originally approved (FIS 18-004) January 19, 2018). MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-185 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, Department of Safety presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety through June 30, 2019 to; 1) amend FIS 17-181, approved October 20, 2017, by transferring \$8,723 in other funds, and 2) accept and expend \$247,665 in other funds, and 3) contingent upon approval of request #2, authorization to continue two existing full-time temporary Department of Safety Hearings Examiner Prosecutor (LG 31) positions (approved (FIS 17-182) October 20, 2017) and one existing full-time temporary

Hearings Paralegal (LG 16) position (approved (FIS 17-181) October 20, 2017). MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 106-H:9, I. (e) FUNDING; FUND ESTABLISHED:

FIS 18-162 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to budget and expend \$246,580 in other funds from the Prior Year Carry Forward Balance of the Enhanced E-911 System Fund through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 198:15-y, III, PUBLIC SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:

FIS 18-166 Office of The Governor – Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education and Perry Plummer, Director, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Department of Safety presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of The Governor to authorize general fund expenditures from the Public School Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$175,794 through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 215-A:23, VI. (a), REGISTRATION FEES:

FIS 18-179 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – Christopher Marino, Business Administrator, and Christopher Gamache Chief of the Trails Bureau, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to budget and expend \$800,000 in other funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 215-C:39, X. REGISTRATION FEES:

FIS 18-182 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – Christopher Marino, Business Administrator, and Christopher Gamache, Chief of the Trails Bureau, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to budget and expend \$900,000 in other funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-183 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – Christopher Marino, Business Administrator, and Christopher Gamache, Chief of the Trails Bureau, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to budget and expend \$692,180 in other funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 215-C:39, X. and RSA 215-A:23, IX. REGISTRATION FEES:

FIS 18-181 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to budget and expend \$98,216 in other funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 363:28, III. OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE:

FIS 18-168 Office of Consumer Advocate – Don Kreis, Consumer Advocate, Office of Consumer Advocate presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Consumer Advocate to amend FIS 16-121, approved August 15, 2016 and subsequently amended (FIS 17-035) on February 17, 2017 and (FIS 17-116) on August 25, 2017, by increasing the contract amount by \$65,000, from the most recently approved amount of \$187,900 to \$252,900 in other funds through June 30, 2019 with Stragen Consulting, LLC to provide expert services to support participation in the Net Energy Metering proceeding, docket number DE 16-576, before the NH Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC). MOTION ADOPTED.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Office of Legislative Budget Assistant – Michael Kane, Legislative Budget Assistant, requested approval to fill an Administrative Assistant position in the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant to fill an Administrative Assistant position in the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, October 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.)

Acting Clerk for Rep. Frank A. Byron
Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk