

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

April 14, 2017

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, April 14, 2017 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 (Alternate)
Senator Dan Feltes (Alternate)
Senator Andy Sanborn
Senator John Reagan

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Daniels, seconded by Representative Ober, that the minutes of the March 10, 2017 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator Daniels, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 17-064 Department of Resources and Economic Development – authorization to transfer \$1,600 in general funds through June 30, 2017]

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

At the request of Representative Ober, FIS 17-056 Department of Information Technology was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 17-066 Department of Education – authorization to accept and expend \$55,000 in other funds through June 30, 2017, and FIS 17-068 Department of Education – authorization to accept and expend \$351,600 in federal funds through June 30, 2017]

FIS 17-056 Department of Information Technology – Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology, 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 Information Technology to accept and expend \$660,000 in other funds through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Representative Ober, FIS 17-062 Department of Resources and Economic Development was removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 17-062 Department of Resources and Economic Development – Carol Anderson, Accounting Manager, and Nathaniel Nelson, International Trade Officer, Department of Resources and Economic Development, responded to questions of the Committee.

The Committee asked if the program had been successful, resulting in any new contracts, and whether new products had been sold abroad. The Department was requested to provide the dollar amount of increased employees and sales directly related to the infrastructure that was created as a result of the grant award.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Resources and Economic Development to; 1) establish a consultant class (046) through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED. (6-Yes, 4-No)

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

At the request of Representative Ober, FIS 17-067 Department of Health and Human Services was removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 17-067 Department of Health and Human Services – Patricia Tilley, Chief of Population of Community Services, and Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee table the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to; 1) accept and expend \$8,113 in federal funds through June 30, 2017, and contingent upon approval of #1, 2) establish one (1) temporary full-time Systems Development Specialist III (LG 23) position through June 30, 2017. MOTION FAILED. (5-Yes, 5-No)

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to; 1) accept and expend \$8,113 in federal funds through June 30, 2017, and contingent upon approval of #1, 2) establish one (1) temporary full-time Systems Development Specialist III (LG 23) position through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED. (6-Yes, 4-No)

RSA 604-A:1-b, ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

FIS 17-063 Judicial Council – Sarah Blodgett, Executive Director, Judicial Council, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Feltes, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$760,000 in general funds for the period effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 17-069 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to transfer \$329,185 in general/other funds in and among accounting units through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 17-058 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$347,800 between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 17-059 Department of Transportation – Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$569,117 between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:143, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

FIS 17-070 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator Feltes, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$18,701,036 in general funds, increase related federal revenues in the amount of \$24,392,767, and increase related other revenues in the amount of \$6,392,434 through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:198, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 17-060 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, Department of Safety, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Feltes, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to transfer \$70,000 in general/highway/turnpike funds among accounts through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 17-061 Department of Corrections – On a motion by Representative Wallner, seconded by Senator Feltes, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to transfer \$1,054,000 in general funds among accounts through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 17-065 Department of Corrections – Helen Hanks, Assistant Commissioner, and Robin Maddaus, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Feltes, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to transfer \$6,656,400 in general funds among accounts through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

FIS 17-072 Department of Health and Human Services – Lori Shibinette, Deputy Commissioner, Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, and Christine Santaniello, Director, Bureau of Developmental Services, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee regarding the Operating Statistics Dashboard report as of March 31, 2017 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Naturopathic Board of Examiners, Performance Audit Report, April 2017 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Steven Grady, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Dr. Deborah Sellars, Chair, Naturopathic Board, and Joseph Shoemaker, Director of Health Professionals, Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

State of New Hampshire, Liquor Commission, Management Letter For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Jean Mitchell, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Joseph Mollica, Chairman, and Daniel St. Hilaire, Chief Operating Officer, New Hampshire Liquor Commission, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

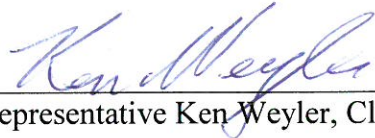
State of New Hampshire, Lottery Commission, Management Letter For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and James LaRiviere, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Lynda Plante, Deputy Director, and Sudhir Naik, Chief Compliance Officer, New Hampshire Lottery Commission, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was previously set for Friday, May 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

The Chair set a regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee for Friday, June 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.)

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Weyler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk