

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

October 18, 2013

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, October 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk
Representative Bernard Benn (Alternate)
Representative Cindy Rosenwald
Representative Katherine Rogers (Alternate)
Senator Jeanie Forrester
Senator John Reagan (Alternate)
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Lou D'Allesandro (Alternate)
Senator Andy Sanborn

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the minutes of the September 13, 2013 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 13-081 Letter from Representative Lucy McVitty Weber, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the performance audit topics for 5) Police Standards and Training Council, The Council in Performance of its Charter. Tabled 03/08/13. No Action Taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

FIS 13-208 Letter from Representative Lucy McVitty Weber, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee – On a motion by Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of Representative Lucy McVitty Weber, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the following performance audit topic: 1) New Hampshire Veterans Home, Review of the Home's Processes For Determining Its Operating and Capital Budget Needs and the Home's Monitoring of the Implementation of Those Approved Budgets. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-c, I, TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Benn, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 13-215 Department of Health and Human Services – transfer \$20,000, FIS 13-216 Department of Safety – transfer \$7,333]

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 Senator Sanborn, FIS 13-217 Department of Safety and FIS 13-233 Department of Health and Human Services were removed from the consent calendar.

On a motion by Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 13-218 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 13-157, approved July 10, 2013, by reallocating \$30,000 in federal funds and extending the end date from September 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014, with no increase in funding, FIS 13-223 Office of Energy and Planning – accept and expend \$200,000, FIS 13-224 Department of Health and Human Services – accept and expend \$353,203, FIS 13-232 Department of Health and Human Services – accept and expend \$168,941, FIS 13-236 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively accept and expend \$202,241 in federal funds effective October 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015]

FIS 13-217 Department of Safety – Elizabeth Bielecki, Director of Administration, and Lisa Lienhart, Financial Analyst, Department of Safety, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$7,500,000. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 13-233 Department of Health and Human Services – Steve Mosher, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$219,533. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes, 1-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 RESTRICTED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Senator Sanborn, FIS 13-225 Department of Safety was removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 13-225 Department of Safety – Elizabeth Bielecki, Director of Administration, and Lisa Lienhart, Financial Analyst, Department of Safety, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Benn, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to 1) accept and expend \$360,599 in federal funds through August 31, 2014, and contingent upon approval of #1, authorization to 2) establish consultant positions through August 31, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 177:2, II, CLOSING OF STATE STORES:

FIS 13-221 New Hampshire Liquor Commission – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission for approval of the Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for State Fiscal Year 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 13-211 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Representative Benn, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$50,000 of unexpended funds from Excess Registration Fees to the Fish and Game OHRV Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 144:56, LAWS OF 2013, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TRANSFERS:

FIS 13-209 Department of Corrections – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Benn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to transfer \$10,403 in federal funds through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 13-219 Department of Corrections – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Benn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to transfer \$48,800 in other funds through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 144:95, LAWS OF 2013, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

FIS 13-212 Department of Transportation – Christopher Clement, Sr., Commissioner, and Patrick McKenna, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Rogers, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to establish non-budgeted class lines and transfer \$2,002,250 between Bureau of Rail & Transit accounts and classes through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 13-226 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Rogers, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to establish non-budgeted class lines and transfer \$116,350 between Highway Fund accounts through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 144:95, LAWS OF 2013, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND RSA 124:15, POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

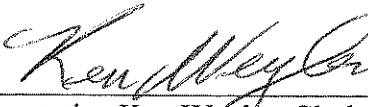
FIS 13-237 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee approved the request of the Department of Transportation to 1) establish non-budgeted class lines and transfer \$306,509 between Highway Fund accounts through June 30, 2014 and further 2) establish three (3) temporary part-time positions consisting of two (2) Audit Technicians and one (1) Accountant I position through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, November 22, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk