

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

November 16, 2018

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Senator Gary Daniels, Vice-Chairman  
Representative Ken Weyler  
Representative Frank Byron (Alternate)  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner  
Representative Daniel Eaton  
Representative Karen Umberger (Alternate)  
Senator Bob Giuda  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senator James Gray (Alternate)  
Senator John Reagan

Vice-Chairman Daniels opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the minutes of the October 19, 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 18-233 Letter from Representative Lynne Ober, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee – On a motion by Representative Umberger, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the following one (1) new performance audit topic: Liquor Commission, Division of Enforcement and Licensing. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-c, I, Transfer of Federal Grant Funds:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Umberger, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-

219 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to transfer \$89,000 in federal funds through March 31, 2019]

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 Giuda, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-212 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$219,448 in federal funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-213 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$289,505 in federal funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-214 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to budget and expend funds under the provisions of RSA 486:14, in the amount of \$40,000,000 in other funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-215 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to amend FIS 18-084, approved on May 18, 2018, to accept and expend an additional \$24,220,000 in other funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-227 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to accept and expend \$250,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-228 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$158,870 in other funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-229 Department of Safety – authorization to; 1) accept and expend \$308,902 in federal funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-230 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$405,419 in other funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-235 Department of Justice – authorization to accept and expend \$5,354,297 in federal funds through June 30, 2019, and FIS 18-236 Department of Justice – authorization to accept and expend \$749,886 in federal funds through June 30, 2019]

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator Giuda, seconded by Representative Byron, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-237 Department of Safety – authorization to; 1) retroactively amend FIS 17-158, approved September 29, 2017, to continue one existing temporary part-time Program Assistant II (LG 15) position for the period of October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019]

RSA 9:16-c, I, TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Umberger, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-232 Department of Safety – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) contingent upon approval of Request #2, to establish one (1) temporary Program Specialist III (LG 23) position, and 2) to transfer \$88,701 in federal funds]

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

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Umberger, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-231 Department of Safety – authorization for the period of October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to retroactively; 1) accept and expend \$720,870 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, continue two (2) existing temporary full-time positions consisting of; a Program Specialist IV (LG 25) and a Program Specialist II (LG 21)]

RSA 7:12, II. ASSISTANTS:

FIS 18-211 Department of Justice – On a motion by Senator Giuda, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to accept and expend a sum not to exceed \$1,175,000 from funds not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of covering projected shortfalls in the general litigation expenses incurred in the defense of the State and the prosecution of criminal law through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 622:28-a INDUSTRIES INVENTORY ACCOUNT:

FIS 18-216 Department of Corrections – Robin Maddaus, Director of Administration, and Ron Cormier, Administrator of Correctional Industries, Department of Corrections presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to purchase a 2013 New Holland TS4.5 Tractor with front bucket and forks for an amount not to exceed \$30,000 in other funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 156:151, LAWS OF 2017, LOTTERY COMMISSION; AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY GRANTED:

FIS 18-217 New Hampshire Lottery Commission – John Conforti, Chief Compliance Officer, and James Duris, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Lottery Commission presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Lottery Commission to; 1) enter into a contractual agreement with the Bert R. Whittemore Revocable Trust of 1993 to purchase the real estate located at 14 Integra Drive, Concord, New Hampshire for a price of \$2,975,000 to serve as the Lottery's headquarters, contingent upon approval of Request #2, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, enter into an agreement with Northway Bank of Berlin, New Hampshire to

finance the Lottery's purchase of real estate located at 14 Integra Drive, Concord, New Hampshire for a price of \$2,975,000 over a period of 20 years at a fixed rate of 3.35%. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 342, LAWS OF 2018, NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANITE ADVANTAGE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED:

FIS 18-218 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. The Department submitted FIS 18-218 Additional Information prior to the meeting.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services for review and recommendation of the proposed interim rule for implementation of SB 313's "work or community engagement requirement". MOTION ADOPTED.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Office of Legislative Budget Assistant – Michael Kane, Legislative Budget Assistant, requested authorization by the Committee to release to the public as soon as they are available the: FY 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the State of New Hampshire, and the FY 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports for the; Turnpike System, Lottery System, and New Hampshire Liquor Commission.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant to release to the public as soon as they are available the: FY 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the State of New Hampshire, and the FY 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports for the; Turnpike System, Lottery System, and New Hampshire Liquor Commission. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 18-234 Joint Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee – notification, dated October 31, 2018, that the National Conference of State Legislatures, through its National Legislative Program Evaluation Society, has awarded the LBA Audit Division with a 2018 Certificate of Impact for its 2016 performance audit on the Bureau of Developmental Services Unspent Appropriations. The Committee recognized the auditors responsible for the audit.

FIS 18-221 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee regarding the Monthly Operating Statistics Dashboard

SFY19 report through September 30, 2018. Joseph Ribsam, Director, Division of Children, Youth and Families was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee will be at the Call of The Chair.  
(Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.)



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Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk