

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

February 14, 2020

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, February 14, 2020 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  
Representative Susan Ford  
Representative Lynne Ober  
Representative Peter Leishman  
Representative David Huot (Alternate)  
Representative Erin Hennessey (Alternate)  
Representative Patricia Lovejoy (Alternate)  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senate President Donna Soucy  
Senator Chuck Morse  
Senator Jay Kahn  
Senator Cindy Rosenwald

Chairman Wallner opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ford, that the minutes of the January 10, 2020 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 20-005 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification – authorization to accept and expend \$184,680 in other funds through June 30, 2020. Tabled 01/10/2020. No Action Taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 20-

020 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to transfer \$70,070 in federal funds between accounting units and create a new expenditure class through June 30, 2020]

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 Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 20-021 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$406,804 in other funds through September 30, 2020, and FIS 20-033 Pease Development Authority-Division of Ports and Harbors – authorization through June 30, 2021 to; 1) budget and expend \$1,122,293 in prior year carry forward federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, accept and expend \$7,504,854 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

At the request of the Chair, FIS 20-029 Department of Education was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Kahn, that the Committee approve the remaining request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 20-027 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization through June 30, 2021 to; 1) accept and expend \$750,000 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish one (1) full-time temporary Administrator I (LG 27) position]

FIS 20-029 Department of Education – The Department submitted FIS 20-029 Additional Information prior to the meeting.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee table the request of the Department of Education seeking authorization through June 30, 2021 to; 1) accept and expend \$10,114,548 in federal funds and 2) establish two (2) full time temporary positions consisting of; a Program Specialist III (LG 23) and an Administrator I (LG 27).

At the request of Representative Weyler, a roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Ford – Yes

Representative Weyler – No  
Representative Ober – No  
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes  
Senate President Soucy – Yes  
Senator Kahn – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes  
Senator Morse – No  
Representative Wallner – Yes

(7-Yes; 3-No)

MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED, AND RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE, AND CHAPTER 346:223, LAWS OF 2019, TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF THE SUNUNU YOUTH SERVICES CENTER:

FIS 20-028 Department of Health and Human Services – The Department presented a replacement request (FIS 20-028 Replacement) prior to the meeting. Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the replacement request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$11,019,560 in general funds between various class lines, decrease federal revenues in the amount of \$2,858,551, decrease related other revenues in the amount of \$111,841 and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2020. No Action Taken.

The Committee recessed at 10:44 a.m., and reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

On a motion by Senator Soucy, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee Special Order the replacement request of the Department of Health and Human Services to the end of the calendar.

At the request of Representative Ober, a roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Leishman – No  
Representative Ford – No  
Representative Weyler – No  
Representative Ober – No  
Senator D’Allesandro – No  
Senate President Soucy – Yes  
Senator Kahn – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes

Senator Morse – No  
Representative Wallner – No (3-Yes; 7-No)  
MOTION FAILED.

On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the replacement request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$11,019,560 in general funds between various class lines, decrease federal revenues in the amount of \$2,858,551, decrease related other revenues in the amount of \$111,841 and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2020.

At the request of The Chair, a roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Ford – Yes  
Representative Weyler – Yes  
Representative Ober – Yes  
Senator D'Allesandro – Yes  
Senate President Soucy – No  
Senator Kahn – No  
Senator Rosenwald – No  
Senator Morse – Yes  
Representative Wallner – No (6-Yes; 4-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested the Department provide updates for the next meeting on; Division of Children, Youth and Families staffing levels, the Department lapse, and further requested a monthly Dashboard.

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

FIS 20-022 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Ford, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$400,590 of unexpended funds from Excess Registration Fees to the Fish and Game OHRV Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget through June 30, 2020. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 228:12 TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT:

FIS 20-023 Department of Transportation – The Department submitted a replacement request (FIS 20-023 Replacement) prior to the meeting. Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner, and Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ford, that the Committee approve the replacement request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$7,310,000 in highway funds through June 30, 2020. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 20-024 Judicial Council – On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$850,000 in general funds through June 30, 2020. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 346:45, LAWS OF 2019, JUDICIAL BRANCH; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND CLASSES:

FIS 20-031 Administrative Office of The Courts – The Honorable Gary E. Hicks, Supreme Court Justice, and Donna Raymond, Fiscal Manager, Administrative Office of the Courts, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Administrative Office of The Courts to transfer \$276,498 in general funds between expenditure classes through June 30, 2020. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

The Unique College Investing Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2019 and The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2019 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Declan Byrne, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Monica Mezzapelle, Deputy Treasurer, Treasury Department, presented the reports and responded to questions of the Committee.

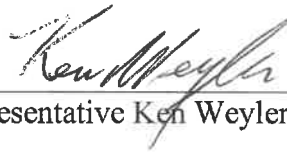
These reports were accepted, placed on file and released at the November 8, 2019 meeting of the Fiscal Committee.

State of New Hampshire, New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights, Financial Audit Report, For The Nine Months Ended March 31, 2019 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Jean Mitchell, Financial Audit Supervisor, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Ahni Malachi, Executive Director, Commission for Human Rights, was present to respond to questions of the Committee.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.)



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Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk