

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

March 16, 2007

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, March 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Marjorie Smith, Chairman
Representative Neal Kurk
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Frederick King
Representative Peter Franklin
Representative Kenneth Weyler, Alternate
Senator Lou D'Allesandro, Vice-Chairman
Senate President Sylvia Larsen
Senator Kathleen Sgambati
Senator Theodore Gatsas
Senator John Gallus

Chairman Smith opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the minutes of the February 16, 2007 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 07-009 Department of Administrative Services (Tabled 1/17/07). Donald Hill, Commissioner presented a status report to the Committee, reporting that the draft CAFR had been given to the auditors, who have a two to three week turnaround, and will be ready to the public 7 days after it goes to the printer. With no audit problems, it is anticipated that the FY 2006 CAFR will be ready on April 15, 2007. No other action was taken on this request.

FIS 07-039 New Hampshire Retirement System (Tabled 2/16/07). No action was taken on this request.

FIS 07-034 Department of Administrative Services (Tabled 2/16/07). Representative Weyler filed his report with the Committee. No other action was taken on this request.

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED - CONSENT CALENDAR:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative King, that the Committee approve all the requests on the agenda under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. (FIS 07-063 Department of Environmental Services – transfer \$150,000, FIS 07-071 Department of Safety – transfer \$45,000, FIS 07-072 Department of Safety – transfer \$95,921)

RSA 14:30-a, VI, FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE - CONSENT CALENDAR:

On a motion by Senator Larsen, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve all the requests on the agenda under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. (FIS 07-057 Department of Safety – accept and expend \$219,821, FIS 07-064 Department of Environmental Services – accept and expend \$100,561.32, FIS 07-066 Department of Environmental Services – accept and expend \$99,200, FIS 07-068 N.H. Developmental Disabilities Council – accept and expend \$83,755.63, FIS 07-074 Department of Safety – amend a grant (approved FIS 05-282 January 3, 2006) to accept and expend an additional \$102,000 and transfer and reallocate \$13,378.17 through June 30, 2007, FIS 07-075 Department of Safety – accept and expend \$189,000)

RSA 14:30-a, VI, FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 07-069 Department of Corrections – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to amend a grant (approved FIS 06-259 September 19, 2006) to transfer and reallocate \$227,164.59 and the continuation of one consultant position through March 31, 2007. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 228:69, I (b) RAILROADS AND OTHER COMMON CARRIERS:

FIS 07-062 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Senator Larsen, seconded by Representative Franklin, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to accept and expend \$660,978.39 and authorize expenditures up to \$1,177,344.85 for maintenance and repairs to active state owned railroad lines. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 21-P:12-d, FIRE STANDARDS AND TRAINING AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 07-061 Department of Safety – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Kurk, that this request be tabled until the next scheduled meeting of the Fiscal Committee. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 236:31 IV (d) EVASION OF TOLLS AND CHARGES AND RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 07-076 Department of Transportation – joint request with the Department of Safety – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Kurk, that this request be tabled until the next scheduled meeting of the Fiscal Committee. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 176, LAWS OF 2005, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, PAU 04-01-04-02 BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOOTNOTE C:

FIS 07-080 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Senator Larsen, seconded by Representative Franklin, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to budget and expend \$38,275 of excess revenue through June 30, 2007. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 176, LAWS OF 2005, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, PAU 02-16-01-01 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE BUDGET FOOTNOTE:

FIS 07-067 Department of Corrections – Les Dolecal, Assistant Commissioner, and Robert Mullen, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative King, seconded by Representative Franklin, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to receive additional funds in the amount of \$1,600,000 to cover inmate medical and dental expenses through June 30, 2007. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 177:1, LAWS OF 2005 TRANSFERS AMONG ACCOUNTS; OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

FIS 07-077 Office of Information Technology – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Franklin, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Information Technology to transfer \$19,200. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 07-078 Office of Information Technology – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Franklin, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Information Technology to transfer \$61,000. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 07-079 Office of Information Technology – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Franklin, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Information Technology to transfer \$250,000. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 177:4, II, LAWS OF 2005 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY; ADDITIONAL REVENUES:

FIS 07-060 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Kurk, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend additional Nursing Facility Quality Assessment Funds of \$8,000,000 and additional federal Medicaid funds of \$8,008,000 through June 30, 2007. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 177:4,II, LAWS OF 2005 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY; ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

FIS 07-065 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Kurk, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, in a joint request with the Department of Safety, to accept and expend additional federal funds of \$514,192 and authorize the Department of Safety to accept additional transfers from Other Agencies funds in the amount of \$184,586 through June 30, 2007. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

FIS 07-082 New Hampshire Retirement System – Joseph Bouchard, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative King, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee authorize Representative Smith and Senator D'Allesandro to approve the request of the New Hampshire Retirement System to transfer \$130,000.00, relating to rent, through June 30, 2007. MOTION ADOPTED

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 07-081 Department of Administrative Services – Donald Hill, Commissioner, and Ronald Jobel, N.H. First Project Manager, Department of Administrative Services, presented an update on the status of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project and responded to questions of the Committee.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation, Turnpike System, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006 and New Hampshire Turnpike System, Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards Year Ended June 30, 2006 – Karen Farrell, Manager, and Shawn Warren, Partner, representing KPMG and Jeff Brillhart, Assistant Commissioner, and Thomas Martin, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation presented the reports and responded to questions of the Committee.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was tentatively set for Thursday, April 19, 2007.

On a motion by Representative Kurk, seconded by Senator Gatsas, that the meeting adjourn. MOTION ADOPTED. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.)

Representative Neal Kurk, Clerk