

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
May 8, 2002

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chairman
Representative Kenneth Weyler, Clerk
Representative Keith Herman
Representative Beverly Rodeschin
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Senator Arthur Klemm, Vice Chairman
Senator John Barnes
Senator Gary Francoeur
Senator Theodore Gatsas
Senator Beverly Hollngworth
Senator Caroline McCarley

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Klemm, that the Committee accept the minutes of the April 10, 2002 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Representative Rodeschin asked if we had heard from the Department of Safety regarding request FIS 02-080 since she had had conversations with officials from Safety noting they were withdrawing the request. Chairman Kurk requested that Mr.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a TRANSFER AND REDUCTIONS AUTHORIZED - CONSENT CALENDAR:

FIS 02-076 Board of Medicine - On a motion by Senator Klemm, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Board of Medicine to transfer \$5,002.25. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED - CONSENT CALENDAR:

FIS 02-067 Office of State Planning - James McLaughlin presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator McCarley, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of State Planning to establish a Planning Technician II position through June 30, 2003. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 130:1, LAWS OF 2001, PAU 01-04-04-02-03 - AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE SURPLUS:

FIS 02-062 Department of Administrative Services, Surplus Property Program - On a motion by Senator Klemm, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services, Surplus Property Program to expend \$21,438 from accumulated surplus in the Department's Surplus Property Program. MOTION ADOPTED.

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CHAPTER 158:43, LAWS OF 2001 - ADDITIONAL REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

FIS 02-059 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Services - Donald Shumway, Commissioner presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Wallner, seconded by Senator McCarley, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Services to accept and expend \$230,152 in federal funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 02-081 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health - On a motion by Senator Klemm, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health to accept and expend \$82,735 from the NH Highway Safety Agency. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 02-082 Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Juvenile Justice Services - Donald Shumway, Commissioner presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator McCarley, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Juvenile Justice Services to accept and expend \$1,575,000 in federal funds awarded by the NH Department of Justice. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 158:43, LAWS OF 2001 - ADDITIONAL REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 02-060 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health - Donald Shumway, Commissioner presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Klemm, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health to accept and expend \$82,389 in federal funds and establish a Program Planner III position through June 30, 2003. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 02-063 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health - Donald Shumway, Commissioner presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Klemm, seconded by Representative Wallner,

that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health to accept and expend \$357,074 in federal funds and establish a Supervisor IV position, an Assistant State Epidemiologist position and a Secretary II position through June 30, 2003. MOTION ADOPTED.

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FIS 02-065 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health - Donald Shumway, Commissioner presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Wallner, seconded by Senator Klemm, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health to accept and expend \$158,432 in federal funds and establish an Assistant State Epidemiologist position and a Toxicologist III position through June 30, 2003. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 02-066 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health - On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health to accept and expend \$205,423 in federal funds and establish an Administrator of Planning and Coordination position through June 30, 2003. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 02-068 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health - Donald Shumway, Commissioner presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator McCarley, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health to accept and expend \$297,291 in federal funds and establish a Public Health Nurse Coordinator position through June 30, 2003. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 02-077 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health - Donald Shumway, Commissioner presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator McCarley, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health to accept and expend \$420,806 in federal funds and establish a Program Specialist III position, a Systems Development Specialist V position and a Secretary II position through June 30, 2003. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 02-079 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health - On a motion by Representative Wallner, seconded by Senator McCarley, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health to accept and expend \$71,248 in federal funds and establish a Secretary II position through June 30, 2003. MOTION

ADOPTED.

RSA 21-P:23 HIGHWAY FUND SURPLUS AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 02-080 Department of Safety - John Stephen, Assistant Commissioner and Tim Mason, Director, Administration presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.
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On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Representative Weyler, that this request be tabled. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 228:69, I(b) APPROPRIATION AND USE OF SPECIAL RAILROAD FUNDS:

FIS 02-074 Department of Transportation - On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator Klemm, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Railroads and Public Transportation for authorization to expend up to \$160,000 to purchase railroad crossties and other track materials for continued maintenance of active state-owned railroad lines. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 02-075 Department of Transportation - On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator Klemm, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Railroads and Public Transportation for authorization to expend up to \$25,000 to reimburse the Plymouth and Lincoln Railroad, Conway Scenic Railroad and NH Central Railroad for weed control on various portions of the state-owned railroad lines. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEMS:

FIS 02-088 Department of Transportation - Douglas Scamman, Director of Administration and Herman Martin presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Transportation to expend \$32,000 in excess engineering services revenue and \$300,000 in excess mechanical services revenue, and transfer \$1,789,500. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 02-083 Judicial Council - Donald Hill, Commissioner and Douglas Smith presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Hess, seconded by Senator Klemm, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council for \$450,000 in additional general funds through June 30, 2003, to cover increased costs associated with the increased caseload of indigent defense cases and related ancillary service costs. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 02-058 Department of Environmental Services - On a motion by Senator McCarley, seconded by Senator Klemm, that this request be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

Dana Bisbee, Acting Commissioner and Ruddy Cartier, Small Business Ombudsman responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator Klemm, that this request be put back on the table. MOTION ADOPTED.
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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

OLD BUSINESS:

State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Performance-Based Budgeting Audit Report March 2002 - Steven Fox, Performance Audit Supervisor, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Dana Bisbee, Acting Commissioner and Chris Simmers, Department of Environmental Services were also present to respond to questions. (This report was accepted, released and placed on file at the March 13, 2002 Fiscal Committee meeting.)

NEW BUSINESS:

State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation - Cannon Mountain Financial and Compliance Audit Report for the Ten Months Ended April 30, 2001 - Catherine Provencher, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Commissioner George Bald and Kenneth Plourde, Administrator were also present to address the report and respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Klemm, that the Committee accept, release and place on file the State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation - Cannon Mountain Financial and Compliance Audit Report for the Ten Months Ended April 30, 2001. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Fiscal Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legislative Office Building, Room 210-211. A meeting date of Wednesday, June 12, 2002 was also set. (Whereupon the Committee adjourned.)

Representative Kenneth Weyler, Clerk