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Introduced

HB 603-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

13-0037

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HOUSE BILL **603-FN**

AN ACT relative to the administration of the university system of New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. Parsons, Straf 1; Rep. D. McGuire, Merr 21; Rep. Weyler, Rock 13;
Sen. Cataldo, Dist 6; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to the office of the chancellor of the university system of New Hampshire and revises the student trustee membership on the university system of New Hampshire board of trustees.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT relative to the administration of the university system of New Hampshire.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Division of Higher Education. Amend RSA 21-N:8-a, II(a)(1) to read as follows:

2 (1) The president of the university of New Hampshire; the president of Keene state
3 college; the president of Plymouth state university; the chancellor of the university system of
4 New Hampshire; ***the president of Granite state college***; a president of one of the institutions of
5 the community college system of New Hampshire, to be chosen by the board of trustees of the
6 community college system.

7 2 State College and University System; Administration. Amend RSA 187-A:13 to read as
8 follows:

9 187-A:13 Trustees of University System. The general government of the university system and
10 its constituent divisions and institutions shall be vested in a single board of [27] trustees composed
11 as follows and in accordance with the following conditions:

12 I. ~~[Eight]~~ ***Seven*** ex-officio members: the governor of the state, the chancellor of the
13 university system, the commissioner of agriculture, markets, and food, the commissioner of
14 education, the president of the university of New Hampshire, the president of Plymouth state
15 university, the president of Keene state college, the president of the Granite state college[;].

16 II. ~~[Eleven]~~ ***Nine*** members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the
17 council[;].

18 III.(a) ~~[Two members]~~ ***Four members*** shall be students enrolled at ~~[Keene state college,~~
19 ~~Plymouth state university, Granite state college, or the university of New Hampshire]~~ ***the***
20 ***institutions listed below*** who shall serve as student trustees, for the term indicated in this
21 paragraph~~, on a rotating basis in the order listed below~~:

22 (1) One student [each] from the university of New Hampshire ~~[and Plymouth state~~
23 ~~university]~~.

24 (2) One student [each] from Plymouth state university ~~[and Granite state college]~~.

25 (3) One student [each] from ~~[Granite state college and]~~ Keene state college.

26 (4) One student [each] from ~~[Keene state college and the university of~~
27 ~~New Hampshire]~~ ***Granite state college***.

28 (b) The student trustees shall be elected by the student body at the school responsible for
29 providing the student trustees. The term of the student trustees shall be for one year commencing
30 July 1 of the year for which the student was elected and ending June 30 of the next year. ***The***
31 student trustees shall be expected to serve the full duration of their elected term. In the event that a

1 student trustee ceases for any reason to attend the school from which the student was elected, the
2 chancellor of the university system shall declare a vacancy in that student trustee position, and the
3 school causing the vacancy shall elect a replacement student trustee who shall serve for the
4 remainder of the predecessor's term. Graduation of a student trustee shall not constitute a vacancy
5 under this paragraph.

6 IV. [~~Four members~~] *One member* elected by the alumni of the university of
7 New Hampshire[;].

8 V. One member elected by the alumni of Keene state college trustee[;].

9 VI. One member elected by the alumni of Plymouth state university.

10 VII. *One member elected by the alumni of Granite state college.*

11 At all times, 2 members of the board shall be farmers and both major political parties shall be
12 represented on the board.

13 3 State College and university System; Operation of the Board of Trustees. Amend RSA 187-
14 A:15, IV to read as follows:

15 IV. Fourteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but not less
16 than 14 affirmative votes shall be required to elect the chancellor of the university system or a
17 college or university president;

18 4 State College and University System; Authority of the Board of Trustees. Amend RSA 187-
19 A:16, IV-V to read as follows:

20 IV. Establish an administrative board, comprised of the chief executive officers of each
21 component institution together with the chancellor of the university system, which shall be the
22 coordinating body for the university system. The board is responsible for recommending and
23 implementing policies and procedures which assist the campus presidents in discharging their
24 responsibilities in such a manner as to provide for maximum institutional initiative and
25 responsibility within a unified university organization.

26 V. Appoint and fix the compensation and duties of [~~such other~~] *a business manager and*
27 *up to 10* university system administrators [~~as are needed~~] to provide a well coordinated system of
28 public higher education. These system administrators shall provide assistance needed by the
29 component institutions in order to fulfill their individual educational missions and shall provide
30 services which facilitate coordination in order to serve the educational needs of the people of
31 New Hampshire.

32 5 College Tuition Savings Plan; Advisory Commission. Amend RSA 195-H:2, I(a)(6) to read as
33 follows:

34 (6) One member representing the college and university system of New Hampshire,
35 appointed by the chancellor.

36 6 The New England Higher Education Compact; Membership of Board. Amend RSA 200-A:3 to
37 read as follows:

1 200-A:3 Membership of Board. There shall be 8 resident members from New Hampshire on the
2 New England Board of Higher Education as provided in article II of the compact. One of such
3 resident members shall always be the chancellor of the university system. The second resident
4 member shall be the director of the division of higher education, department of education. The third
5 resident member shall be the chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire. The
6 fourth and fifth resident members shall be citizens of the state appointed by the governor and
7 council. The sixth resident member shall be a member of the house of representatives appointed by
8 the speaker of the house. The seventh member shall be a member of the senate appointed by the
9 president of the senate. The eighth resident member shall be a representative of a private college in
10 New Hampshire appointed by the governor and council. The term of office for each of the first 3
11 resident members shall be concurrent with his or her term as chancellor or director. The term of
12 office for each of the latter 5 resident members shall be for 4 years and until a successor is appointed
13 and qualified, except that the term of any member of the general court shall terminate if such
14 member shall cease to be a state legislator. In that case, another member shall be appointed in a
15 like manner for the unexpired term. The term of the member representing a private college shall
16 end if the member's association with the private college terminates. Each member of the board shall
17 receive his or her expenses actually and necessarily incurred by the member in the performance of
18 his or her duties as a member. In addition to their expenses, the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and
19 eighth members shall receive \$15 per day compensation for time actually spent in the work as a
20 member of the New England Board of Higher Education, provided that the total for expenses and per
21 diem compensation for any of such 5 members shall not exceed the sum of \$500 during any one fiscal
22 year. All expenses and per diem compensation shall be audited by the commissioner of
23 administrative services as expenses of other employees are audited and shall be a charge against any
24 appropriation provided for this purpose.

25 7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

HB 603-FN - FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT relative to the administration of the university system of New Hampshire.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The University System of New Hampshire states this bill, as introduced, will have an indeterminable impact on state revenue and expenditures in FY 2014 and each year thereafter. There is no fiscal impact on county and local revenue or expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The University System of New Hampshire states this bill reduces the size of the System's board of trustees by two seats, and restricts the ability of the System's chancellor to appoint employees by limiting staff to "a business manager" and "up to 10 university system administrators to provide a well coordinated system of higher education." The System interprets the second provision as a restriction on the chancellor from hiring full-time equivalent (FTE) employees at its central office.

The System states the FY 2013 budget for the chancellor's office is \$11.0 million, down from \$12.6 million in FY 2010, and FY 2012 spending on the centralized administrative services of the chancellor's office represented 1.4% of operating expenditures for the System as a whole.

The System states these centralized administrative services represent the lowest overall administrative overhead among New England public university systems. The System states currently the chancellor's office is staffed by 71.1 FTE employees, who perform a number of centralized functions for the member institutions, including legal counsel, government relations, policy analysis, information technology planning, academic program coordination, controller, budget, treasury, internal audit, capital planning, contracts administration, purchasing, payroll, accounts payable, tax administration, human resources and financial systems, employee benefits and compensation, and support for the System's volunteer board of trustees. The System states these centralized functions are not duplicative of functions at the individual institutions, either not existing at the member institutions or serving as a complement to services offered there.

In a report presented to the System's board of trustees in July 2012, Huron Consulting Group (HCG) estimated the centralized services at the System offices result in between \$6M and \$9.5M per year in expense savings for the campuses. HCG concluded that devolving these

centralized services to the individual campuses would increase costs annually through 3 factors:

1. A loss of operational synergy and efficiency and a duplication of costs (\$4.2M - \$7.3M);
2. A rise in borrowing costs due to a deterioration of the System's bond rating (\$1.1M);
3. An upfront cost associated with the process of devolving the centralized services for each of the first five years after devolution (\$1M).

The System states, due to a lack of clarity in the specific terms of the bill and an uncertainty regarding the potential future actions the board may take in response to this bill, it cannot provide precise estimates of the fiscal impact of this bill. The System states the reduction in positions in the chancellor's office will not result in any cost reduction for the System as a whole.

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 603-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to the administration of the university system of New Hampshire.

DATE: February 21, 2013

LOB ROOM: 207 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:05 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:55 a.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Gile, Grassie, Frazier, Burke, Arsenault, A. Schmidt, Rokas, Gorman, Myler, Spang, Shaw, Boehm, Greemore, Cordelli, Ladd, Willette, Grenier, Pitre, Bick and Harris.

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TESTIMONY

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*Rep. Robbie Parsons, Sponsor

*Rep. Ken Weyler – Supports

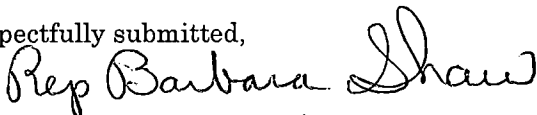
*Bill Ardinger, USNH Board

*Pamela Diamantis, USNH

Written testimony and additional comments. Disagrees with sponsor.

- College believes that in the 72 people of chancellors office, 50 devoted to finance, etc., function very effectively. Lowest in New England.
- Feels fiscal note is accurate.
- Agree with sponsors to keep focused on 1.6% of budget – chancellor's office.
- Moody's (bonding) gave highest rating to UNH System.
- Says passage of bill would harm efficiency, set back efforts already in place.
- Decentralizing would pass costs to individual colleges.
- Bill in part is vague and assumptions are made.
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- Individual colleges support.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Barbara Shaw, Clerk

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- ① ^{Rep.} Robbie Parsons - sponsor
* written testimony
- ② Rep. Ken Weyler - supports
* written testimony
- ③ Bill Ardinger - US NH Board
Pamela Diamantis - USNH Board
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Sub-Committee Actions

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION ON HB 603-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to the administration of the university system of New Hampshire.

DATE: February 26, 2013

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Cordelli, Spang, Boehm, Frazer and Shaw

Comments and Recommendations:

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep.	OLS Document #:
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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Ralph Boehm

Seconded by Rep. Glenn Cordelli

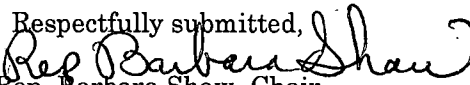
Vote: 3-2

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote:

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Barbara Shaw, Chair
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION ON HB 603-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to the administration of the university system of New Hampshire.

DATE: 2-26-2013

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Cordelli, Spang, Boehm, Frazer, Shaw

Comments and Recommendations:

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep.	OLS Document #:
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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Boehm
Seconded by Rep. Cordelli
Vote: 3-2

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.
Seconded by Rep.
Vote:

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Barbara Shaw
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

Testimony

NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATE

House Bill 603

An act making changes to the administration of the University System of New Hampshire:

This bill eliminates the office of chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire and transfers all powers and duties to the Board of Trustees of the University System of New Hampshire.

The purpose of this bill is to reduce tuition for New Hampshire students by \$1,000. per year or more going forward.

Following are a number of points that we feel will put very important funds back into the operations of the four colleges that they desperately need to reduce tuition for New Hampshire students.

1. The system/chancellors office has grown from a modest operation into a large bureaucracy with a large payroll. Now there are 72 employees that cost, with benefits, \$10.8 million or about \$154,000. each. This figure was given to me by the chancellor himself.
2. Many of the positions at the chancellors office are the same as at the four colleges, i.e. vice chancellor of finance/vice president of finance at UNH (see attached), human resource directors, vice chancellor of government affairs/government affairs offices are at 3 colleges.
3. The costs to operate the chancellors office, is \$11.2 million, says the chancellor. Actually the cost is more like \$23.5 million, calculated as follows: UNH gives to the system office \$18 million, Keene \$2.5 million, Plymouth \$2.5 million and Granite \$750,000. These figures have remained the same for 2010, 2011 and now in 2012. The system costs have remained the same even though the state appropriation was cut by \$48 million. These figures were given to me by the presidents of the four colleges.
4. Most of the remaining services done by the system office can be done more efficiently by/and incorporated into the State Treasurers office, such as bonding and audit and for a substantial cost reduction. An example is bonding. The system says it takes 8 or more to do this function. The treasurer says their office can do the same with 3.

Another example of saving is the vice chancellor makes 2.5 times that of the state treasurer. Also the State of New Hampshire bond rating is higher than the system rating.

5. There are some functions that need some oversight, that is why we left 12 positions to co-ordinate at and under the Board of Trustees.
6. The Board of Trustees adopted a resolution in October 2011. This resolution was adopted months after the introduction of this bill and I know this bill was the catalyst for the resolution. The resolution is to develop changes to the organizational structure of the system office and to implement enhanced independence, autonomy and self governance for each of the 4 colleges. A major change that has since taken place is that the 4 presidents now report to the board directly and not the chancellor.
7. Comparisons have been made to other systems in other states, In my opinion, knowing what we now know, this only shows how inefficient and costly these other systems are. I have talked to other states and they are trying to decentralize as they are not working for them either.
8. I have talked to several people at Moodys and Standard and Poors. They were kind enough to supply me with many facts in regard to the bond rating process. The elimination of the chancellors office will not effect the rating process. Their main concerns are the board and the management team. The boards diverse make up and changing members, the over site committees and the college presidents, are all factors in their analysis.
9. The financial note offered by the chancellor is very self serving. I can not imagine that reducing the chancellors office to the guide lines of this bill would cost \$12 million more.
10. I believe that the four presidents we now have are the right people, in right place, at the right time.

Respectfully,

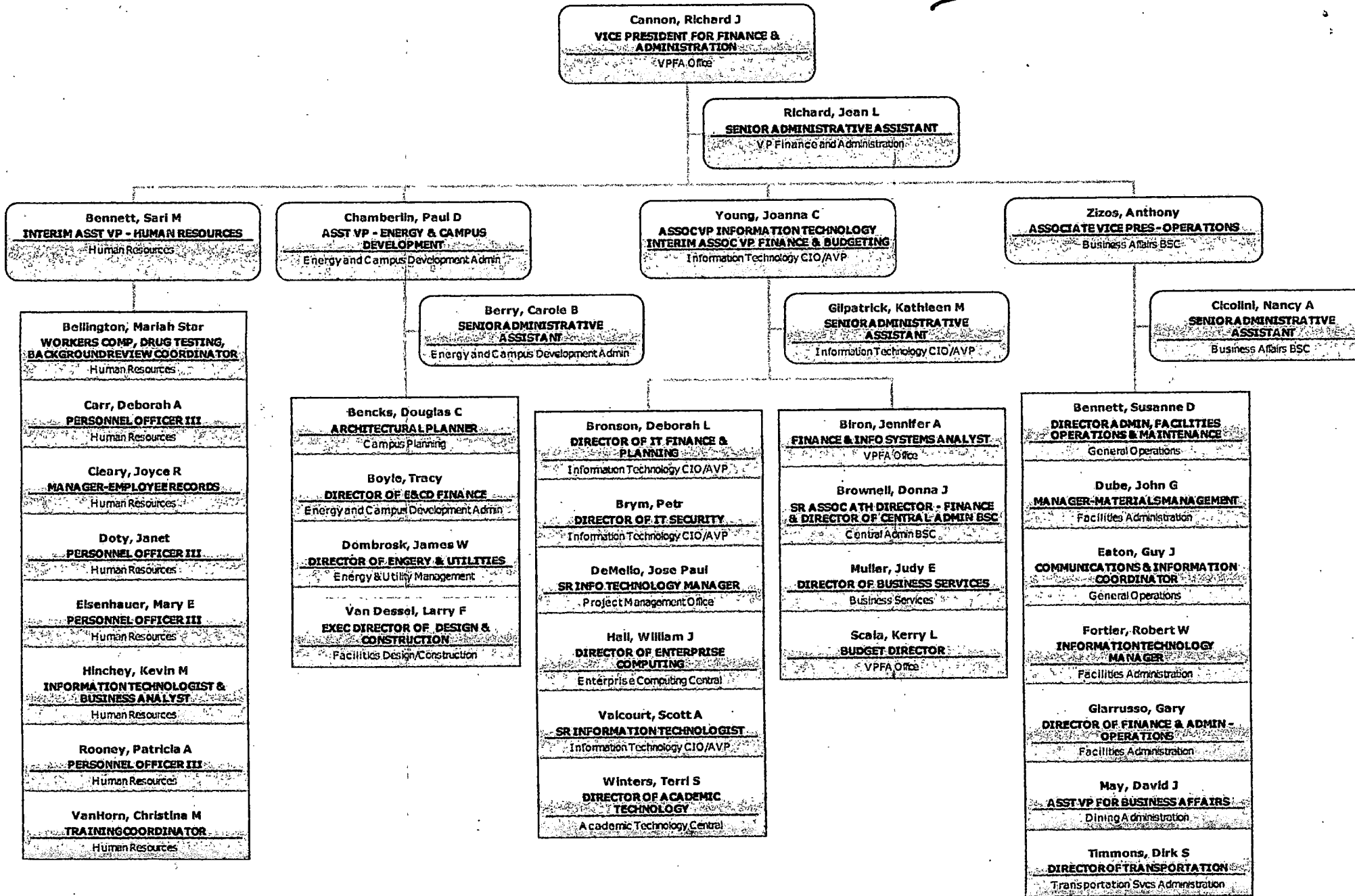
Robbie Parsons

Strafford County, Dist 1

Milton, N.H.

Organizational Chart for Finance & Administration

UNH



Testimony of Rep. Ken Weyler

Education, Feb. 21, 2013; Room 303

I was on the Higher Education Study Committee from 1995 -2006. I have reviewed the USNH stipend on Division II of the Finance Committee since 1995.

1. My conclusion is that the USNH system does not do enough to help themselves. When I first got on the committee they did nothing to capture the royalties that might have developed from all the research that was being done on their campuses. After five years of asking why, they began some small steps.

2. The various colleges were not doing enough fund raising among alums. With the thousands of grads they have just within the state their endowments should have been huge. A 200 million endowment is not very impressive

3. The Office of the Chancellor has grown far beyond anything that was first envisioned in law. First plans were for about 10 to 12 people, not 71.

4. The difference between Granite State and UNH for costs is striking. Granite State uses all adjunct faculties. UNH has too many professors with full time pay for part time work. A typical teaching load is 12 hours or less.

5. The demographic group that would seem most able to earn some of its support would be the college students, many of whom plan a schedule of only three or four days per week of class.

6. When the USNH people come to ask for money, they always fail to mention that almost half of our capital budget gets spent on their various campuses. We do not always see the maintenance that should be spent on our investments.

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Testimony – House Bill 603 – Relative to the Administration of the University System of New Hampshire
Pamela Diamantis
Thursday, February 21, 2013

Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is Pamela Diamantis and I serve as the Vice-Chairman of the University System Board of Trustees. I am joined by my fellow Trustee, Bill Ardinger, who serves as both an Officer of the Board and as the Chairman of the Governance Committee.

We thank you for allowing us to speak to you today about House Bill 603, which calls for making significant changes to the University System of New Hampshire's Chancellor's Office and to the makeup of the University System Board of Trustees.

We appreciate the spirit of this legislation, however, we strongly oppose the bill and we believe it weakens the charter that RSA 187-A creates – "...to provide a well-coordinated system of public higher education..."

The University System was created by the Legislature in 1963 and it was determined then that the system office would provide essential "back office" functions such as benefits, payroll, audit, financial, budget and legal support that reduce costs through efficiencies created by economies of scale while avoiding duplicative services at each institution. This remains a critical role for the system office.

HB 603 mirrors the bill introduced last year by Representative Parsons. It was presented as a bill that would decrease costs to students. However, centralizing certain core services saves money, creates efficiencies, and maximizes the return on the State's investment while decreasing pressure on tuition. In fact, in seeking to maximize resources, the Board of Trustees last year authorized a study of the System office and found through information provided in the Huron Consulting report that "centralized services at the system office results in between \$6 million and \$9.5 million per year in expense savings for the campuses."

Just over a year ago, we sat before you and shared your interest in continuing to look for efficiencies and cost savings. I can assure you that this has been the Board's highest priority over the past months and much has been accomplished:

The Board adopted a resolution that contained a number of principles that called for fundamental changes in the structure and governance of the University System so as to "implement a path to enhanced independence, autonomy and self-governance for each of the component institutions."

We worked with Huron Consulting to identify and develop a number of recommendations that would support a well-coordinated system focused on maximizing efficiencies.

A Trustee task force laid out a series of implementation steps that were adopted by the full Board and have resulted in numerous policy changes which confer more autonomy to the Presidents while increasing their accountability as measured by a formal performance review process.

The four presidents working with the Chancellor, redesigned its work flow empowering campus level staff to streamline decision-making creating a more nimble, efficient and opportunistic workplace.

And, we are not done. The Trustees along with the Presidents and the System office are committed to working through additional changes that will fundamentally impact the scope and nature of our work. USNH is already more efficient than most of our peers. Our costs to educate students are 16% to 27% lower than our comparators and we believe our activities will further improve this performance.

The Board of Trustees, made up of a strong cross section of New Hampshire including business and civic leaders, alumni and students are committed to working together to deliver a world class education on our campuses. The Board of Trustees looks forward to partnering with Governor Hassan and this legislature to assure our tax dollars are used as effectively and efficiently as possible.

We believe that our goals have much in common with the bill's sponsor. However, this bill would move us backwards. Students, parents and the tax payers of New Hampshire would be better served if we are allowed to continue to respond ourselves to the changing priorities and needs of our State.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would now like to invite my colleague, Bill Ardinger, to share his remarks with you.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 603-FN

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DATE: March 5, 2013

LOB ROOM: 207

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep.

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Barbara Shaw

Seconded by Rep. Andrew Schmidt

Vote: 13-7 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep.

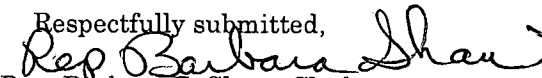
Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: NO

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Barbara E. Shaw, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 603-FN

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Rep. Barbara E. Shaw, Clerk



2013 SESSION

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PH Date: 02/21/2013

Exec Session Date: 03/05/2013

Motion: ITH

Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Gile, Mary Stuart, Chairman	✓	
Grassie, Anne C, V Chairman	✓	
Shaw, Barbara E, Clerk	✓	
Gorman, Mary J	✓	
Burke, Rachel B	✓	
Frazer, June M	✓	
Spang, Judith T	✓	
Arsenault, Beth R	✓	
Rekas, Ted <u>Bartlett, Christy</u>	✓	
Schmidt, Andrew R	✓	
Myler, Mel	✓	
Boehm, Ralph G		✓
Ladd, Rick M		✓
Greemore, Robert H		✓
Pitre, Joseph A		✓
Willette, Robert F	✓	
Bick, Patrick J		✓
Cordelli, Glenn		✓
Grenier, James L	✓	
Harris, Jeffrey F		✓
TOTAL VOTE:		

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Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 13, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on EDUCATION to which was referred
HB603-FN,**

**AN ACT relative to the administration of the university
system of New Hampshire. Having considered the
same, report the same with the following Resolution:**

RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Barbara E Shaw

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	EDUCATION
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Date:	March 5, 2013
Consent Calendar:	NO
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The committee appreciates the spirit of this bill, but the majority deems it unnecessary at this time. A comprehensive study by the Huron Consulting firm completed in July 2012 helped the university to identify and develop a number of recommendations supporting a well-coordinated system focused on maximizing efficiencies. The steps are being implemented and efficiencies are being realized. Students, parents and taxpayers would be better served if the University System is allowed to continue to respond themselves to the priorities and needs of our State.

Vote 13-7.

Rep. Barbara E Shaw
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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For the ~~Majority~~
13-7 ITL RC

Mary Stuart Gilg

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education

BILL NUMBER: HB 603 FN

TITLE: Relative to the administration of the University System of New Hampshire.

DATE: March 5, 2013 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
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- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No. _____

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

The committee appreciates the spirit of this bill, but ~~feel~~ the majority deems it unnecessary at this time. A comprehensive study by the Huron Consulting firm completed in July ~~2011~~ 2012 helped the university to identify and develop a number of recommendations supporting a well-coordinated system focused on maximizing efficiencies. The steps are being implemented and efficiencies are being realized. Students, parents, and taxpayers would be better served if the University System is allowed to continue to respond themselves to the priorities and needs of our state.

COMMITTEE VOTE: 13-7

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. Barbara Shaw
For the Committee