

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

June 26, 2015

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chair
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Daniel Eaton
Senator Jeanie Forrester
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Gerald Little
Senator Andy Sanborn
Senator Dan Feltes (Alternate)

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Senator Little, that the minutes of the May 15, 2015 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (7-Yes, 2-Abstained)

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Chairman Kurk announced the Fiscal Committee would meet Wednesday, July 29, 2015, Wednesday, August 26, 2015, and Friday, September 25, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Chairman Kurk announced that all items would be removed from the Consent Calendar and each item considered separately.

FIS 15-095 State Treasury – William Dwyer, State Treasurer, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the State Treasury to accept and expend \$700,000. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 15-106 Department of Health and Human Services – Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$540,302. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested the Department provide an analysis of MET revenue distributions for 2014 and 2015 to the Fiscal Committee members.

FIS 15-107 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to amend FIS 15-055, approved April 3, 2015, by reallocating \$2,400 in federal funds through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 7:6-e DISPOSITION OF FUNDS OBTAINED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

FIS 15-098 Department of Justice – Ann Rice, Deputy Attorney General, and Kathleen Carr, Director of Administration, Department of Justice, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to budget and expend \$53,000.70 in settlement funds from multistate settlements and request to retain said funds for the support of the Department's Consumer/Antitrust Bureaus. No Action Taken.

On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee table the request of the Department of Justice to budget and expend \$53,000.70 in settlement funds from multistate settlements and request to retain said funds for the support of the Department's Consumer/Antitrust Bureaus. No Action Taken.

The Committee recessed at 10:26 a.m., and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Senator Sanborn and Representative Weyler, respectively, withdrew their motions to table the request.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to budget and expend \$53,000.70 in settlement funds from multistate settlements and request to retain said funds for the support of the Department's Consumer/Antitrust Bureaus. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 2-No)

RSA 106-H:9, I.(e), FUNDING; FUND ESTABLISHED:

FIS 15-099 Department of Safety – Elizabeth Bielecki, Director of Administration, Department of Safety, responded to questions of the Committee. Vicki Quiram, Commissioner, Joseph Bouchard, Assistant Commissioner, and Gerard Murphy, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services were also present to respond to questions.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to budget and expend \$122,000 from the Prior Year Carry Forward Balance of the Enhanced E-911 System Fund through June 30, 2015. Action held to allow the State Comptroller to provide additional information.

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

FIS 15-100 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$125,000 of unexpended funds from Excess Registration Fees to the Fish and Game OHRV Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 622:28-a, V, INDUSTRIES INVENTORY ACCOUNT:

FIS 15-101 Additional Information – letter of intent, dated June 24, 2015, to withdraw request FIS 15-101 Department of Corrections for authorization to purchase a 48” Precision Sliding Table Screen Printer in an amount not to exceed \$31,500 in other funds from the Correctional Industries’ Revolving Account through June 30, 2015. WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.

CHAPTER 3:7, II, LAWS OF 2014, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONTRACTING; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

FIS 15-096 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$140,467 in general funds, with no net change to federal revenues, through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 15-097 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$532,643 in general funds, increase related federal revenues in the amount of \$2,502,642, and increase related other revenues in the amount of \$1,141 through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 144:31, LAWS OF 2013, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES;
TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND CLASSES:

FIS 15-102 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to transfer \$72,658 in and among accounting units through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 144:95, LAWS OF 2013, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TRANSFER
OF FUNDS:

FIS 15-103 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$28,500 between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 15-104 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$13,500 within Turnpike Fund accounting units and classes through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 15-109 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to accept and expend \$1,136,400 in federal funds through September 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 15-105 Department of Administrative Services – Chapter 319:32, Laws of 2003 – Vicki Quiram, Commissioner, Catherine Keane, Director, and Sarah Trask, Administrator, Bureau of Risk and Benefit Management, Department of Administrative Services responded to questions of the Committee related to the State Employee Health Insurance - report regarding the self-funded health benefits program from July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.

The Legislative Budget Assistant was requested to give a presentation to Senate Finance on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 on the last six months of the report regarding the self-funded health benefits program.

FIS 15-108 Department of Health and Human Services – Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services provided a status update and responded to questions of the Committee regarding the May 2015 Operating Statistics Dashboard report for

the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Gerard Murphy, State Comptroller, was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

The Committee requested a letter explaining the State's GAAP adjustments from 2013 going forward.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

RSA 106-H:9, I.(e), FUNDING; FUND ESTABLISHED:

FIS 15-099 Department of Safety – Elizabeth Bielecki, Director of Administration, Department of Safety, and Gerard Murphy, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services presented the information as requested by the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to budget and expend \$122,000 from the Prior Year Carry Forward Balance of the Enhanced E-911 System Fund through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

10:30 a.m.

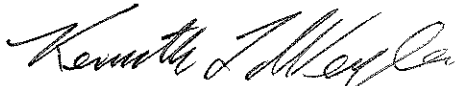
Audits:

State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain, Financial Audit Report, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and James LaRiviere, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Jeffrey Rose, Commissioner, Christopher Marino, Administrator IV, and John Devivo, General Manager, Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway and Ski Area and Franconia Notch State Park, Department of Resources and Economic Development, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, 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 meetings of the Fiscal Committee were set for 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday, July 29, 2015, Wednesday, August 26, 2015, and Friday, September 25, 2015. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk