



March 8, 2021

Representative Lynne Ober, Chairman
Finance Division 1
House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Ober,

Below is the department's responses to your questions:

1. What new full-time staff has been added to your budget?

No new full time positions have been added.

2. What new part-time staff has been added to your budget?

No new part time positions have been added.

3. What positions had to be eliminated in order to meet the governor's budget requirements?

One position was eliminated.

a. *Cost for each staff member eliminated (salary, benefits, IT, telecom, desk, equipment, office space).*

The position had its own accounting unit (39010000).

The total for this AU was:

FY22 \$129,625

FY23 \$135,706

96% of this budget was for the position, wages and benefits, the remainder for expenses.

b. *Brief description of the need for each staff member eliminated.*

This Administrator II position served the Bureau of Film/Digital Media. The COVID19 pandemic has completely changed the film industry. As a result, a full-time position is no longer necessary.

c. *How will work done by this position be accomplished without the position?*

Current activity can be absorbed within the Travel and Tourism Division and with working closely with the New Hampshire film industry.

4. Is your agency adequately staffed to complete all work assigned to your agency in state law?

Yes

5. If the answer to Q. 4 is no, please describe.

If we cannot add adequate staffing, should we consider suspending that law for the biennium?

6. What things are you doing (found in state law) that could be eliminated and why?

None

7. What priorities did you have that were not funded? Cost? Description? Impact of not funding?

None

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Taylor Caswell". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Taylor Caswell
Commissioner