

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
May 20, 2016

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chairman
Representative Richard Barry (Alternate)
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Cindy Rosenwald (Alternate)
Representative Daniel Eaton
Senator Gary Daniels (Alternate)
Senator John Reagan (Alternate)
Senator Gerald Little
Senator Andy Sanborn
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the minutes of the April 15, 2016 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 15-229 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to implement the actions contained in the Cost Savings Plan to support the dual purposes within the Sununu Youth Services Center of providing both secure youth detention and psychiatric residential treatment. (FIS 15-229 Additional Information – Letter from Representative Kurk, dated November 18, 2015, containing two separate provisions relative to the funding of the Sununu Youth Services Center). Tabled 12/18/15. No Action Taken.

FIS 16-070 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

Michael Connor, Deputy Commissioner, and Stephen Lorentzen, Director of Plant and Property Management, Department of Administrative Services, and Sheriff James Hardy, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to transfer \$140,000 in general funds in and among accounting units through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes, 1-No)

FIS 16-060 Letter from Senator John Reagan, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee – On a motion by Senator Little, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

Senator John Reagan, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee approve the request of Senator John Reagan, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the following new performance audit topics: 1) Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Naturopathic Examiners, Efficient and Effective Operations, and 2) Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons, Efficient and Effective Program Operations. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 16-083 Department of Information Technology – Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology, and Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, Department Safety, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Information Technology to transfer \$835,000 in other funds through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

At the request of the Committee, FIS 16-082 New Hampshire Liquor Commission and FIS 16-078 and FIS 16-087 Department of Health and Human Services, were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Representative Ober that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 16-079 Department of Resources and Economic Development – to budget and expend \$215,000 in other funds through June 30, 2016, and FIS 16-084 Department of Environmental Services – to accept and expend \$285,000 in other funds through June 30, 2017]

FIS 16-078 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$10,010,000 in federal funds and further accept and expend \$10,000,000 in agency income revenues through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 16-082 New Hampshire Liquor Commission – Lieutenant James Young and Lieutenant Valerie Goodno, Division of Enforcement and Licensing, New Hampshire Liquor Commission responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee table the request of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission to accept and expend \$249,270 in other funds through September 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 16-087 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services, George Copadis, Commissioner, Department of Employment Security, Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, and Mark Jewell, Administrator, Division of Family Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services, and Shannon Reid, Community College System of New Hampshire responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Barry, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee table the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$8,298,168 in federal funds effective July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

At the request of Representative Eaton, a roll call was taken and the results were as follows:

Representative Kurk – Yes
Representative Barry – Yes
Representative Ober – Yes
Representative Eaton – No
Senator Little – No
Senator Sanborn – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – No
Representative Rosenwald – No
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senate Reagan – No (5-Yes; 5-No)
MOTION FAILED.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$8,298,168 in federal funds effective July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

At the request of Senator Little, a roll call was taken and the results were as follows:

Representative Kurk – No
Representative Barry – No
Representative Ober – No
Representative Eaton – Yes
Representative Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Senator Little – Yes
Senator Sanborn – No
Senator Daniels – No
Senate Reagan – Yes (5-Yes; 5-No)
MOTION FAILED.

The Committee recessed at 11:36 a.m., and reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

On a motion by Representative Barry, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee postpone the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$8,298,168 in federal funds effective July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

A roll call was taken and the results were as follows:

Representative Kurk – Yes
Representative Eaton – No
Representative Ober – Yes
Representative Barry – Yes
Representative Rosenwald – No
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Little – Yes
Senate Reagan – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – No (7-Yes; 3-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested the Department of Health and Human Services based on their estimates, the Utah experience, and the Federal experience, provide how many people are actually going to be employed.

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of the Chair, FIS 16-081 Department of Justice, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the remaining request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 16-080 Department of Resources and Economic Development – to retroactively amend FIS 15-181, approved August 26, 2015, and subsequently amended by FIS 15-253, December 18, 2015, by; 1) extending the end date from May 31, 2016 to September 30, 2016 and reallocating \$4,609 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of #1, authorization to extend the end date from May 31, 2016 to September 30, 2016 for a class 046 consultant position, with no increase in funding]

FIS 16-081 Department of Justice – Joseph Foster, Attorney General, Kathleen Carr, Director of Administration, and James Boffetti, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Division of Public Protection, 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 \$100,000 in prior year carry forward other funds through June 30, 2017, and contingent upon approval of #1, establish a class 046 consultant position through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 176:16, V, FUNDS:

FIS 16-088 New Hampshire Liquor Commission – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission to transfer \$2,006,000 among accounting units to reallocate appropriations and cover projected shortfalls through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:143, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 16-086 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$122,397 in general and federal funds through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:198, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 16-077 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, Department Safety, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to transfer \$190,000 in general, highway and turnpike funds through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

FIS 16-089 Department of Health and Human Services – as of February 29, 2016
Operating Statistics Dashboard report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

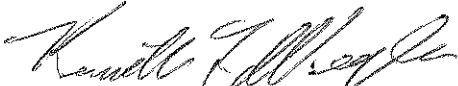
The late informational item was accepted and placed on file.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meetings of the Fiscal Committee were set for Friday, June 24, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and Friday, August 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk