

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
April 19, 2024

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman
Representative Keith Erf, Clerk
Representative Jess Edwards
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Mary Heath (Alternate)
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)
Senator James Gray, Vice Chairman
Senate President Jeb Bradley
Senator Regina Birdsell
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Cindy Rosenwald

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the minutes of the March 15, 2024 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 24-088 Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food – On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the request of the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food to amend FIS 22-405, approved November 18, 2022, and as extended (FIS 23-166) on May 19, 2023, by adjusting the project scope and by extending the end date from June 30, 2024 to September 30, 2024, with no increase in funding. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Department of Health and Human Services withdrew item FIS 24-143 requesting to transfer \$25,012,500 in federal/general funds through June 30, 2025. WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.

As announced by the Chair, the following items were removed from the Consent Calendar to be acted on individually;

- Tab 3 Pursuant to RSA 9:16-a, II.
FIS 24-132
- Tab 5 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 24-133, 24-144
- Tab 6 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15
FIS 24-136

On a motion by Senator Bradley, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve all the remaining requests as submitted under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No) [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a, II, FIS 24-109 Department of Safety – authorization to transfer \$1,438,949 in general/highway/ turnpike funds among accounts through June 30, 2024, FIS 24-110 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$1,247,000 in federal/other/highway funds between various classes through June 30, 2024, FIS 24-119 Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food – authorization to transfer \$6,045 in other funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2024, FIS 24-120 Police Standards and Training Council – authorization to transfer \$190,562 in general funds between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2024, FIS 24-121 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$72,000 in federal/ other/general funds and create a new expenditure class code through June 30, 2025, FIS 24-122 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$30,000 in turnpike funds between various classes through June 30, 2024, FIS 24-123 State Treasury – authorization to transfer \$773,593 in general/federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 24-130 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to transfer \$115,000 in general/federal funds through June 30, 2024, and FIS 24-131 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to transfer \$181,000 in general funds through June 30, 2024; TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I., FIS 24-111 Department of Education – authorization to transfer \$738,920 in federal funds in and among classes through June 30, 2024; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 24-113 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – authorization to accept and expend \$358,810 in federal funds through June 30, 2024, FIS 24-114 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$157,170 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 24-116 Department of Revenue Administration – authorization to accept and expend \$246,290 in other funds through June 30, 2024, FIS 24-117 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$796,347 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, and FIS 24-134 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$1,948,154 in federal funds through June 30, 2025; TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15, FIS 24-135 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization through June 30, 2025 to; 1) amend FIS 21-242, approved on August 20, 2021, with subsequent actions on February 18, 2022 (FIS 22-068), July 22, 2022 (FIS 22-252), January 27, 2023 (FIS 23-024), May 19, 2023 (FIS 23-167), and on October 19, 2023 (FIS 23-296), by transferring \$60,000 in federal funds and extending the end date from May 31, 2024 to June 30, 2025, and 2) accept and expend \$1,917,015 in federal funds, and 3) contingent upon approval of Request #1 and #2, authorization to continue the full-time temporary position #9T3109 effective June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; TAB 7 pursuant to RSA 124:15, FIS 24-137 Deferred Compensation Commission – authorization to; 1) establish a full-time temporary position, #9T3344, 13-1140 Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialist-4 through June 30, 2025, and TAB 8 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 24-112 Department of Education – authorization to amend an accept and expend with no change to the original amount, by extending the end date from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025 and adjusting appropriations in the amount of \$56,359 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery

Funds (SFRF) (Originally approved (FIS 22-236) on June 17, 2022, with subsequent action (FIS 22-249) on July 22, 2022, and (FIS 23-166) on May 19, 2023), FIS 24-115 Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors – authorization to accept and expend \$2,000,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through September 30, 2024, FIS 24-124 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – authorization to accept and expend \$1,000,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2025, FIS 24-141 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to accept \$500,000 in federal additional ARPA funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 24-142 Department of Transportation – authorization to amend FIS 22-370, approved October 14, 2022 with subsequent action taken (FIS 23-166) on May 19, 2023, by moving \$741,519 between various classes through June 30, 2025, and FIS 24-145 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$1,000,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2025]

RSA 9:16-a. II., TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 24-132 Prescription Drug Affordability Board – Representative Gary Merchant, Chairman, Prescription Drug Affordability Board, and Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Prescription Drug Affordability Board to transfer \$8,404 in general funds between various class lines and to create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

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

FIS 24-133 Department of Health and Human Services – Iain Watt, Interim Director, Division of Public Health Services, and Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

Senator D’Allesandro arrived at 10:14 a.m.

On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$253,069 in federal funds through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 24-144 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Henry Lipman, Director, Division of Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$2,565,566 in other funds through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

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

FIS 24-136 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Katja Fox, Director, Division for Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Representative Erf, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to; 1) retroactively amend FIS 23-138, approved April 21, 2023, and as amended (FIS 23-268) on September 14, 2023, by extending the end dated from March 30, 2024 to March 30, 2025, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, retroactively extend one (1) temporary full-time position, #9T2927, from April 1, 2024 to March 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 206-33-b TRANSFERS FROM FISH AND GAME FUND:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 24-125 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – Scott Mason, Executive Director, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department was present to respond to Committee questions.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$31,000 from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Fund Reserve to the Fish and Game FY 2024 Operating Budget through June 30, 2024. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

CHAPTER 79:11, LAWS OF 2023, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TRANSFER AUTHORITY:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 24-118 Department of Corrections – On a motion by Senator Bradley, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to transfer \$13,197,002 in general funds among accounts through June 30, 2024. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

FIS 24-147 Office of Legislative Budget Assistant – On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant for approval to fill two Auditor vacancies at the LBA Audit Division. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

LATE ITEM:

FIS 24-148 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Senator Bradley, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation, pursuant to RSA 14-30-a, VI., to accept and expend \$600,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs, For The Year Ended June 30, 2023 – Christine Young, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, and Marie Zimmerman, KPMG Partner, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services was also present to respond to Committee questions.

On a motion by Representative Erf, seconded by Senator Gray, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes)

Senator Bradley was not present for the vote.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, May 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to be held in the Legislative Office Building, Room 210-211.

On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Senator Gray, that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.)



Representative Keith Erf, Clerk