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The Honorable Kenneth Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
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Concord, New Hampshire 03301

His Excellency Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 215-A:23, IX and RSA 215-C:39, X, authorize the transfer of \$2,400,000.00 of unexpended funds from Excess Registration Fees, Account Number 20-07500-11830000-009-405928 to the Fish and Game OHRV Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2021.

03-75-75-752520 Law Enforcement Program
20-07500-11830000 OHRV Education, Training and Enforcement Fiscal Year 2021

Class	Account	Description	Current Budget	Change	Revised Budget
010	500100	Personal Services - Permanent	\$128,219	\$0	\$128,219
018	500106	Overtime	\$115,000	\$0	\$115,000
019	500105	Holiday Pay	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
020	500200	Current Expenses	\$94,980	\$0	\$94,980
022	500255	Rents-Leases Other Than State	\$510	\$0	\$510
023	500291	Heat, Electricity & Water	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
026	500251	Organizational Dues	\$800	\$0	\$800
030	500300	Equipment New/Replacement	\$295,404	\$0	\$295,404
039	500190	Telecommunications	\$1,050	\$0	\$1,050
049	584935	Transfers to Other State Agencies	\$4,269,473	\$2,400,000	\$6,669,473
050	500109	Personal Services-Temporary	\$65,875	\$0	\$65,875
060	500602	Benefits	\$153,724	\$0	\$153,724
070	500700	In-State Travel	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
080	500710	Out-of-State Travel	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
102	500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$49,540	\$0	\$49,540
217	502682	Inter-Agency Payments	\$887,099	\$0	\$887,099
		Total	\$6,159,674	\$2,400,000	\$8,559,674
REVENUES					
009	405928	Agency Income	\$6,159,674	\$2,400,000	\$8,559,674
		Total	\$6,159,674	\$2,400,000	\$8,559,674

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EXPLANATION

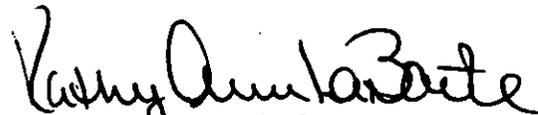
Pursuant to RSA 215-A:23 IX, and RSA 215-C:39, X, "Any excess registration fees collected and not expended shall be non-lapsing and shall be retained by the snowmobile and OHRV program for future use." In each year of the biennium, the Fish and Game Department and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) may expend the excess fees collected in the same proportion as described in this section with prior approval of the Fiscal Committee and the Governor and Council.

The Department's FY 2021, class 049, Transfers to Other Agencies, is insufficient for this fiscal year. During this current fiscal year, New Hampshire experienced above average sales of OHRV registrations. At this point in time, we are approximately 6,500 registrations ahead of this same point last year. We surmise this is due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the continued desire for people to enjoy outdoor recreation. This coupled with a change in Legislation which increased OHRV registration prices for fiscal year 2021, has caused a significant deficit in our previously approved operating budget as approximately 72% of revenue from the sale of OHRV registrations is transferred to DNCR. We currently have insufficient funds to transfer the required funds to DNCR for their share of registrations sold. This transfer into class 049 will allow us to transfer required funds through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,



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Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief
Business Division

Fiscal Situation
OHRV Account 20-07500-11830000-009-405928

Unobligated Balance Forward 07/01/2020	1,356,708
Total Additions (Revenue through 03/31/21)	7,775,468
Less Operating Budget Appropriations	(6,024,750)
Total	3,107,426
Ending Balance	3,107,426
Less Current Request	<u>(2,400,000)</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2021	<u>707,426</u>