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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 21-I:54, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Public Health Services, to **retroactively** continue one full-time temporary Laboratory Scientist I, Position #8T3094, salary grade 16 effective January 16, 2023 upon Governor and Executive Council approval through January 15, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

The position is funded in accounting unit Public Health Laboratories as follows:

		FY 2023	FY 2024
05-95-90-903010-18350000-050-500109	Personal Service Temp Appoi	$22,995	$26,828
05-95-90-903010-18350000-060-500601	Benefits	$9,573	$11,169
	Totals:	$32,568	$37,997

EXPLANATION

The Laboratory Scientist I, Position #8T3094, currently ends on January 15, 2023. This position is assigned to the Public Health Laboratory. This Laboratory Scientist I position was established for the Division's Legionella capacity building and response and is a Legionella Laboratory Scientist (LLS). The position is funded with Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) funding. This position conducts laboratory testing of environmental samples for Legionella, works with the Bureau of Infectious Disease and the Department of Environmental Services to conduct Legionnaires Disease outbreak investigations. The employee in this position is tasked with gaining Environmental Legionella Isolation Techniques Evaluation (ELITE) member laboratory status from the Centers of Disease Control. The LLS is also responsible for maintaining the laboratory's accreditation for legionella testing. This position works with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Drinking Water Groundwater Bureau to develop water management plans for long-term health care facilities and other public water systems to better protect the health of the populations in New Hampshire considered immunocompromised. This position is needed beyond the current position end date, as this position is necessary and vital to the Public Health Laboratory in order to ensure the continued Legionella testing and accreditation and to ensure the continued safety of the citizens of the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully Submitted,

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