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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 of Public Health Services, to **retroactively** continue one full-time temporary Program Specialist III, Position #8T3098, salary grade 23 effective retroactive to March 1, 2023 upon Governor and Executive Council approval through February 29, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

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

		FY 2023	FY 2024
05-95-90-903010-18350000-059-500117	Personal Service Temp Appoi	$23,369	$48,552
05-95-90-903010-18350000-060-500601	Benefits	$16,433	$31,731
	Totals:	$39,802	$80,283

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** because of an oversight by Department finance staff. The finance staff has since reviewed the process and instituted internal controls so that deadlines are captured appropriately, ensuring future items will be submitted within the proper timeline.

The Program Specialist III, Position #8T3098, ended on March 1, 2023. This position, the Waterborne Disease Epidemiologist (WDE), is assigned to the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control and funded with Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) funding (100% Federal).

The position oversees the Division's wastewater monitoring program and conducts activities that contribute to New Hampshire's wastewater dashboard to raise awareness of local pathogen transmission. The position reviews disease instances with potential links to waterborne infection, coordinating environmental testing, remediation, and prevention of future outbreaks in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) and State Public Health Laboratories.

This position is needed beyond the current position end date to support vital disease management activities and protect the safety of New Hampshire residents from waterborne illness. The funding for this position is available within the existing budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

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