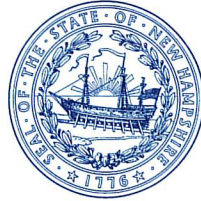


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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
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Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to grant a salary increase to Melissa E. Fales, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position #9U225, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26130000-013-500132), in the amount of \$2,120, from a salary level of \$103,880 to a salary level of \$106,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or August 19, 2026, whichever is later. 41% General Funds; 59% Department of Environmental Services Funds.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Fales, a Newmarket resident, received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology from Plymouth State University in 2008. She earned her Juris Doctor, with a Natural Resources and Environment Certificate, from the University of Montana School of Law in 2011. She was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar in 2011. Ms. Fales began her legal career as Assistant Legal Counsel in the Hillsborough County Office of Legal Counsel in 2012. After approximately nine months in that post, she joined the Grafton County Attorney's Office as an Assistant County Attorney. She prosecuted primarily felony level criminal offenses for that office until she joined the Rockingham County Attorney's Office in 2016. Ms. Fales was an Assistant County Attorney in Rockingham County until 2020, when she was promoted to Deputy County Attorney. Ms. Fales joined the Department in July of 2022 and was assigned to the Environmental Protection Bureau. Her salary will increase by \$2,120 from \$103,880 to \$106,000. I plan to continue her current assignment.

RSA 21-M:3 and RSA 94:1-a(I)(c)(3) provides that designation of positions, salary levels, and salary increases for attorneys at the Department of Justice shall be determined by the

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Attorney General, subject to approval of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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