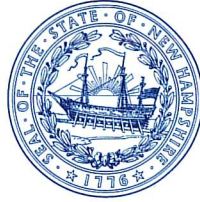


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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
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State House
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Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to grant a salary increase to Bethany J. Durand, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position #9U057, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26100000-013-500132), in the amount of \$3,000, from a salary level of \$115,540 to a salary level of \$118,540, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or September 16, 2026, whichever is later. 100% General Funds.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Durand, a resident of New Boston, graduated in 1997 from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government, and minors in Spanish and Ethics and Public Policy. She earned her Juris Doctor in 2000 from American University, Washington College of Law, in Washington, D.C. While in law school, she worked as an Intake Counselor at the Emergency Domestic Relations Project in Washington, D.C. and interned at the Montgomery County State's Attorney Office in Rockville, Maryland. Ms. Durand was an Assistant State's Attorney in the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City from 2002 to 2021, where she served in a variety of assignments – including 10 years in the Homicide Division. During her last two years there, she was Supervisor of the Felony Trial Division where she led 13 attorneys prosecuting more than 900 pending cases. She joined the Department in July 2021 and was assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau. In recognition of her performance with this Department, I have designated her as a Senior Assistant Attorney General. Her salary will increase by \$3,000 from \$115,540 to \$118,540. She will 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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