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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION instructing the house of representatives to investigate whether grounds exist to impeach Executive Councilor Karen Liot Hill.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This resolution instructs the house of representatives to investigate whether grounds exist to impeach Executive Councilor Karen Liot Hill.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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1 Whereas, the New Hampshire constitution provides that the house of representatives is the
2 grand inquest of the state and all impeachments made by it shall be heard and tried by the senate,
3 and further provides that members of the executive council may be impeached by the house and tried
4 by the senate for bribery, corruption, malpractice, or maladministration; and

5 Whereas, in her capacity as an executive councilor, Karen Liot Hill used official resources,
6 including her government email account and the prestige and authority of her office, to facilitate and
7 encourage litigation against the state of New Hampshire's duly enacted election laws by recruiting
8 potential plaintiffs and referring them to a partisan out-of-state law firm; and

9 Whereas, this conduct constituted a breach of the duty of faithful performance by an executive
10 councilor, whose responsibilities include acting as a fiscal and executive watchdog for the state,
11 potentially including action on contracts and expenditures for legal services to defend the state
12 against the very litigation she helped advance; and

13 Whereas, by so doing, councilor Liot Hill negligently and improperly placed her personal or
14 partisan objectives above her constitutional and fiduciary obligations to the state, thereby
15 committing malpractice in office within the meaning of part II, article 63; and

16 Whereas, by leveraging the authority and resources of her official position to assist outside
17 litigants in an attack on duly enacted state law, councilor Liot Hill maladministered her office,
18 undermining public confidence in neutral, faithful execution of official duties and impairing the
19 proper functioning of the executive council; and

20 Whereas, her actions created a clear conflict with the executive council's role in approving
21 contracts and expenditures, including potential retention of outside counsel for the state's defense,
22 thereby frustrating orderly administration and oversight of executive business, and

23 Whereas, such conduct amounts to maladministration within the meaning of part II, article 63 of
24 the New Hampshire constitution; and

25 Whereas, the house of representatives, in the interests of preserving justice, must investigate
26 whether grounds exist to impeach executive councilor Karen Liot Hill; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

28 That the committee shall report to the house of representatives such resolutions, articles of
29 impeachment, or other recommendations as it deems proper; and

30 That for the purposes of making such an investigation, the committee is authorized to compel by
31 subpoena the attendance and giving of testimony by any person and the committee is further

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1 authorized to compel the production of such things as it deems necessary. Such testimony may be
2 taken under oath, either in the form of interrogatory, deposition, or by oral testimony at a hearing.
3 Counsel for the committee may be authorized to ask any and all questions on behalf of the
4 committee. For purposes of this section, "things" includes, without limitation, books, records,
5 correspondence, electronic mail, logs, journals, memoranda, papers, documents, writings,
6 reproductions, recordings, tapes, transcripts, printouts, data compilations from which information
7 can be obtained, tangible objects and other things of any kind; and

8 That such authority of the committee may be exercised by the chairman or by the committee
9 acting as a whole or by subcommittee. Subpoenas or interrogatories so authorized may be issued
10 over the signature of the chairman or any member so designated by the chairman, and may be
11 served by any person designated by the chairman.