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HOUSE RESOLUTION ***[resolution number]***

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

SPONSORS: [sponsors]

COMMITTEE: [committee]

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

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

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

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

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