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<b>ONE-TIME:</b>							
B.1100(a)(2)	UVM	Upskill VT Scholarship Program	\$3,000,000		*	*	<i>We'll be including this in the workforce bill.</i>
B.1100(a)(3)(A)	VSC	Bridge funding for System Transformation	\$9,000,000		Yes	High	
B.1100(a)(3)(B)	VSC	CCV Tuition reduction	\$10,000,000		Yes	High	<i>RE Tuition Reduction: We would recommend to Appropriations strive to increase the base by \$5mil and to appropriate an additional \$5mil in one-time funding. This would provide sustained support.</i>
B.1100(a)(4)	VSAC	802 Opportunity Program	\$3,400,000		Yes	High	<i>We would like to see Appropriations commit \$3.4min to a base fund in order to provide sustained support.</i>
B.1100(a)(13)	Liquor & Lottery	Legal sports wagering	\$545,000		Yes	*	<i>*Should this pass, the committee supports the economic development aspects of standing the program up.</i>
B.1100(a)(16)(A)	AHS	State Refugee Office - Employee Assistance Grants	\$1,000,000		Yes	High	
B.1100(a)(16)(B)	AHS	Healthcare Workforce - Limited Service Position from Act 183, Sec. 34(a)	\$170,000		*	*	<i>*We'll discuss with health care committee about moving this into the workforce bill.</i>
B.1100(a)(20)(A)	VDOL	To grant to the State Workforce Development Board for the New Americans Labor Force Program	\$200,000		Yes	High	
B.1100(a)(20)(B)	VDOL	To provide services under Work-Based learning & Training Program	\$1,000,000		Yes	High	
B.1100(a)(26)	ACCD	Vermont 250 <sup>th</sup> Commission	\$117,000		Yes	Medium	
B.1100(a)(27)(A)	ACCD-HCD	Land Value Tax Feasibility Study, in partnership with Department of Taxes	\$150,000		Yes	High	
B.1100(a)(27)(B)	ACCD-HCD	Middle-Income Rental Housing Revolving Loan Program	\$20,000,000		Yes	High	<i>We need to keep affordability in mind for the long-term.</i>
B.1100(a)(27)(C)	ACCD-HCD	Vermont Housing Improvement Program	\$15,000,000		Yes	High	<i>We think the program has worked well. Given market housing issues, we fully support.</i>

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B.1100(a)(27)(D)	ACCD-HCD	Municipal Bylaw Modernization Grants, assisting municipalities in updating their bylaws as per H.68	\$500,000		*	*	<i>No comment until a bill surfaces.</i>
B.1100(a)(28)(A)	ACCD-ED	Vermont Training Program	\$5,000,000		*	*	<i>*We are moving this to our workforce bill. It is our understanding that this is in response to a state match needed for a federal CHIPS Act. We will be working with ACCD, Vermont State Colleges and UVM on standing this up.</i>
B.1100(a)(28)(B)	ACCD-ED	Brownfields Redevelopment	\$10,000,000		Yes	High	<i>We support the language provided by Environment &amp; Energy concerning this appropriation.</i>
B.1100(a)(28)(C)	ACCD-ED	New and Relocated Worker Grants	\$4,000,000		No		
B.1100(a)(28)(D)	ACCD-ED	"Rural Industry and Development Fund"	\$10,000,000		*	*	<i>*We plan to pull this into our workforce development bill for further exploration.</i>
B.1100(a)(28)(E)	ACCD-ED	VCRD – US HUD Grant Matching Funds	\$18,000		Yes	High	
B.1100(a)(28)(F)	ACCD-ED	Innovate Northeast Kingdom Build to Scale	\$350,000		Yes	High	<i>This was already taken up in the BAA, but we are working on providing language that would assist appropriations that would set up a fund so we're not getting last minute one-time requests for recurring matches.</i>
B.1100(a)(29)	VTrans	Agency of Transportation for the continuation of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Community Grant program	\$3,000,000		Yes	High	
B.1100(a)(30)	VHCB	Affordable housing development	\$10,000,000		Yes	High	
B.1101(a)(4)(A)	PSD	Upgrade and expand the ePSD case management system	\$500,000		Yes	High	<i>We support any projects that increase broadband and cellular connectivity as important factors of economic and workforce development.</i>
B.1101(a)(4)(B)	PSD	Complete the Telecom Plan Update scheduled for June 2024	\$400,000		Yes	High	<i>We support any projects that increase broadband and cellular connectivity as important factors of economic and workforce development.</i>

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B.1101(a)(4)(C)	PSD	Craft policy proposals to reform and streamline electric sector policy	\$300,000		Yes	High	<i>We support any projects that increase broadband and cellular connectivity as important factors of economic and workforce development.</i>

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<b>LANGUAGE SECTIONS</b>							
E.236.1		Sports Betting	\$545,000	B.1100(a)(13)	Yes	*	<i>*Should this pass, the committee supports the economic development aspects of standing the program up.</i>
E. 504(b)(1) & (c)	AOE – Flexible Pathways	Dual Enrollment	\$921,000 GF \$921,000 EF		Yes	High	<i>AOE doesn't feel like their explanation in the Budget Language accurately represents these appropriations.</i>
E. 504 (b)(2)	AOE – Flexible Pathways	Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative	\$2,000,000 EF	Program name incorrect	Yes	High	Ensure to correct program name in the budget. Should be the “Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative
E. 504 (b)(3)	AOE – Flexible Pathways	Secondary School Reform Grants	\$400,000 EF		Yes	High	
E. 504 (b)(4)	AOE – Flexible Pathways	Early College	\$3,400,000 EF	\$4,000,000 EF	Yes	High	<i>We recommend supporting their ask of eliminating the line item for Vermont Academy of Science and Technology (b)(5) and moving those funds to Early College.</i>
E. 504 (b)(5)	AOE – Flexible Pathways	Vermont Academy of Science and Technology	\$600,000 EF	Move funds to early college	Yes	High	
E.602.1	VSC	50% Tuition Reduction Language	\$10,000,000	B.1100(a)(3)(B)	Yes	High	Comments above
E.605(d)	VSAC	VT Trades Scholarships	\$1,000,000 GF	Act 183, Sec. 14	Yes	High	<i>We'll be including this in the workforce bill.</i>

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<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>							
D.100(a)(3)		RPCs asked us to increase their funding to their statutory amount in the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund	\$6,045,993	\$10,134,624	Yes	High	<i>We support the Governor's recommendation. The RPCs came directly to us to ask for their full statutory funding. We do appreciate that they feel under-resourced. We appreciate any efforts to move closer to that. We are looking at a study of look at the funding formula. We further need to understand how the grants are provide and what performance measures are looked at. We plan on including that study in our workforce bill.</i>
D.101(a)(3)		Downtown Transportation Fund transfer	\$523,966		Yes	High	

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<b>OTHER ASKS</b>							
New	DCF	Snelling Center – Restart Early Childhood Leadership Institute		\$130,000	No		The committee takes no position.
B. 504	AOE - AEL	Adult Education and Literacy Network	\$4,412,900	\$6,912,000	Yes	High	<i>We fully support their requested increase. This addresses gaps in provided educational services.</i>
New	ACCD-DED	The Rural Business Technical Assistance Exchange		\$1,250,000	Yes	High	<i>Attention to under-resourced populations (e.g. BIPOC, women, LGBTQ, veteran) is new and important to continuously develop.</i>
New		United Way – Working Bridges		\$255,026	*	*	<i>We'll be including this in the workforce bill.</i>
New		Vermont Everyone Eats - 96,000 meals		\$1,200,000			The committee takes no position.
New	VSAC	Advance Vermont – Continuing work of Act 183, Sec. 39		\$350,000	*	*	<i>We'll be including this in the workforce bill.</i>