

Rural Caucus 2/16

H. 101

- Transportation Affordability act
- Carbon reduction plan in place
- Want to put money into MTI grants
 - Puts money into rideshare
- Incentives for Electric Vehicles
- Milage Smart Program
 - Help people get into lower-class transportation
 - Opportunity for low-income people to get used vehicles
- Require AOT to update the Vermont State transportation standards
- Rural transit will continue to be funded
 - Fair free
- Figuring out what to do with Urban Transit
- Complete Streets Section
 - Being pushed by AARP
 - Reduce the # and length of 'drive alone' trips
 - Affordability, Accessibility, Environment
 - Aging populations
 - Are our communities ready to accommodate the needs of the aging population
 - Surveys find that older adults want to stay in their communities
 - If they are going to stay in communities they need mobility options
- Complete Streets Statute
 - Roadways should be designed for all users
 - Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists
- Benefits
 - Climate Change
 - Land use
 - Effects on the housing conversation
 - Public Health
 - Economic vitality
- H. 101 is a light update to the statute

Rural lens

- Way to look at bills through a rural lens when they come off the wall
- Think about the ways that bills will have an impact on rural communities

SNAP

- Suplimental Nutrition Assitance Program
- During COVID Feds upped the benefit for everybody
 - Emergency Allotment
 - Ending

- In Vermont, there are 72,000 people receiving SNAP benefits
- The majority of households in VT will lose \$100-200 a month
- Asking for support on three requests
 - Vermont Foodbank
 - Universal School meals made permanent
 - Additional funding for the Older Vermonters Nutrition Program