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2 Representatives Sims of Craftsbury and Surprenant of Barnard move that
3 the report of the Committee on Environment and Energy be amended by
4 striking out Sec. 34 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 34 to
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 34. WOOD PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS REPORT

7 (a) The Natural Resources Board, in consultation with the Department of
8 Forests, Parks and Recreation, shall convene a stakeholder group to report on
9 how to address the Act 250 permitting process to better support wood products
10 manufacturers and their vital role in the forest economy.

11 (b) The group shall examine the Act 250 permitting process and identify
12 how the minor permit process provided for in 10 V.S.A. § 6084(g) has been
13 working and whether there are shortcomings or challenges.

14 (c) The group may look at permitting holistically to understand the role of
15 permits from the Agency of Natural Resources, municipal permits, where they
16 apply, and Act 250 permits and develop recommendations to find efficiencies
17 in the entire process or recommend an alternative permitting process for wood
18 products manufacturers.

19 (d) On or before December 15, 2024, the Natural Resources Board shall
20 submit the report to the House Committees on Agriculture, Food Resiliency,

- 1 and Forestry and on Environment and Energy and the Senate Committees on
- 2 Agriculture and on Natural Resources and Energy.