



STATE OF VERMONT
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

TO: Representative Wood & Representative Small
FROM: Nolan Langweil, Principal Fiscal Analyst
DATE: 1/10/2024
RE: H.72 Floor Amendment

Representatives Wood and Small –

I have reviewed the amendment and based on the most recent information available to us there are sufficient funds in the special funds identified in the amendment to accommodate the proposals in the amendment.

- The amendment would increase the amount of money appropriated from the Evidence-Based Education and Advertising Fund to the Vermont Department Health for the purpose of awarding one or more grants for fixed-site or mobile overdose prevention centers from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. According to the Vermont Department of Health, the fund currently has an unobligated balance of \$2.6 million. This is in addition to the additional \$1.3 million that is raised in this bill from increasing the prescription drug manufacturer fee 0.5%. As such, there would be sufficient funds to cover this additional cost in FY 2024.
- The amendment would also change the funding source of the \$300,000 appropriated from the General Fund to the Opioid Abatement Special Fund. According to the Agency of Human Services, at the close of FY 2023, there was a fund balance of approximately \$11,000,000. Act 22 of 2023, appropriated \$8,196,000 from the fund. To our knowledge, there are no other funds obligated from the fund in FY 2024. As such, there would be sufficient funds to cover this additional appropriation.