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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Rep. Heath, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations  
From: Rep. Emmons, Chair, House Committee on Corrections and Institutions  
Date: March 11, 2014  
Subject: Review of Provisions in Governor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

As per your request, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions has reviewed the proposals included in the Governor's Fiscal Year 2015 proposed budget. We have proposed additional language relating to Sec. E.113.1 (Repeal; engineering costs) below.

**Section E.113 – Buildings and general services – engineering**

*Recommendation:* The House Committee on Corrections and Institutions agrees with the proposal that the interdepartmental transfer of \$3,196,163 in this section shall be from the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 2(c)(5).

**Section E. 113.1 – Repeal**

*Recommendation:* The House Committee on Corrections and Institutions agrees with the proposal to repeal 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Secs. 97 (preclusion of engineering costs from general obligation debt financing) and 100(c) (July 1, 2014 effective date). Section 39 of the 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51 called for a report to review the allocation of engineering costs between the Capital Bill and the General Fund. Although the report suggested that engineering costs should continue to be eligible for general obligation debt financing, the Committee recommends requiring the Department of Buildings and General Services to submit an annual report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on

Institutions on any engineering costs that the Governor proposes to fund from the Capital bill in order to evaluate whether these costs are appropriate for general obligation debt financing. Therefore, the Committee recommends amending 32 V.S.A. § 309(a)(1) (capital budget report) as follows:

32 V.S.A. § 309(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) Activities proposed for funding by general obligation debt financing shall be restricted to tangible capital investments, but may include the planning, design, and engineering directly associated with a tangible capital investment. Beginning January 15, 2015, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on any engineering activities proposed for funding from general obligation debt financing.