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Representative Donahue of Northfield moves that the House propose to the Senate that the report of the Committee on Human Services be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, in 16 V.S.A. § 1601, in subdivision (2), by striking the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Participation in Deaf Community culture and use of ASL are characteristic of persons who identify as Deaf.

Second: In Sec. 1, in 16 V.S.A. § 1601, by striking subdivision (5) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(5) “Hard of Hearing” means a reduced level of functional hearing and reliance on residual hearing and technology, including hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM listening systems, and other types of assistive listening devices to communicate via verbal language, with or without use of ASL.