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To: Stephanie Barrett

Subject: RE: draft HAC bill - not on House calendar yet to be introduced

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 9:08 AM

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From: Chadwick, Joanne

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 4:14 PM

To: Beatty, David

Cc: Flynn, Keith; Aumand, Paco; Hallenbeck, Richard; Hayward, Marie **Subject:** RE: draft HAC bill - not on House calendar yet to be introduced

David,

Among a number of things that are confusing us in HAC's bill is the highlighted language below which I believe contains an error. I had exchanged information with Peter Fagan about the amount of \$167k which is the carry-forward balance in our Blood & Breath Alcohol Fund (#21922). The boating safety fund is used to match our federal Recreational Boating Safety program, so if this is done it will result in a loss of federal funds. I do believe this is an unintentional error. Would you check in with HAC on this to see if they intended this to be Fund 21922, or please advise how I should otherwise handle this. Thanks much, Joanne

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- (2) From the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and 1 Related Capital Improvement Fund established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to be used 2 by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of the Fund: 3 \$423,966. 4
- (3) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by 5 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund 6 for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2017 transportation infrastructure bonds 7 debt service: \$2,501,413. 8
- (4) From the Department of Public Safety boating safety fund to the General Fund: \$167,000. 10
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 11 2016 the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts 12 indicated: 13
- (1) Department of Labor: \$293,000. 14
- (2) Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs: \$92,000.

Here is Peter's question and my response from 3/18/15:

1. #21922 I want to take the projected end of year balance of \$167k to the GF? What problems will that cause?

#21922 (Blood & Breath Alcohol fund): This funding (a one-time balance) was being held to cover the purchase of a piece of laboratory equipment (gas chromatograph). However, we have just learned that Federal Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) funding has been approved to cover that cost. Our estimated annual revenue in this fund is currently about \$75k but the revenue has been on a decline for many years (comes

from fee paid to the Courts by those convicted of DUI). Our concern is the Vermont Forensic Lab has been relying heavily on GHSP funding to support the Blood and Breath Alcohol Program equipment needs for a number of years. The funding decisions of the Governors Highway Safety Program will no longer be controlled by DPS beginning in State Fiscal Year 2016 (Program moving to AOT) so we do have that concern about giving up this revenue.