



STATE OF VERMONT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND
TECHNOLOGY

MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Kitty Toll, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

From: Representative Stephen Carr, Chair, House Committee on Energy & Technology *sc*

Date: March 1, 2017

Subject: Governor's Proposed FY 2018 Budget Language

As per your request, we have reviewed the Governor's Proposed FY 2018 budget language and have the following recommendations:

Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2018 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Recommendation: The House Committee on Energy and Technology agrees with the Governor's recommendation to fund these IT projects from the General Fund rather than the Capital Bill. However, the Committee is recommending that the FY 18 appropriations to the Agency of Human Services (AHS) and the Judiciary are amended in subdivisions (e)(1) and (e)(3). Based on testimony from AHS and Judiciary, these projects can be funded over a two-year period and it is the intent of the Committee that the remaining balance for these two projects are appropriated from the General Fund in FY 19.

(e) The sum of \$10,125,000 is appropriated to the following departments for the costs of implementing information technology projects:

(1) \$1,062,500 is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services;

(2) \$2,200,000 is appropriated to the Department of Finance and Management;

(3) \$2,900,000 is appropriated to the Judiciary.

Sec. E.300.2 HIT FUND; FUTURE RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation: The House Committee on Energy and Technology agrees with the Governor's recommendation to extend the health care claims sunset in E.300.1 to July 1, 2018 in order to conduct the review of the HIT Fund in E.300.2.

Sec. E.517 Innovation Grants

Recommendation: There is a split in the House Committee on Energy and Technology on the Governor's recommendation with respect to the program and the source of funding for these grants.