

February 24, 2017

Rep. Janet Ancel Chair, Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Rep. Ancel:

Please find attached the recommendations of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Fish and Wildlife (Committee) for generating revenue sufficient to satisfy the State's share of funding necessary to meet regulatory requirements for water quality improvements in the State.

The Committee spent significant time reviewing alternatives for revenue generation, including a list of potential revenue sources in the State Treasurer's Clean Water Report. The Committee believes the attached recommended revenue sources are sufficient to meet the State share of water quality financing while not creating a significant burden on State taxpayers.

In addition to the recommended revenue sources, the Committee recommends creation of a working group to develop a per parcel, per acre, or impervious surface fee to be assessed on all property in the State. The Committee expects the fee to be effective by July 1, 2021. On that date, the attached recommended revenue sources would sunset. The recommended revenue sources also would not go into effect until July of 2019, the date when water quality funds from the State Treasurer are no longer available.

The recommended revenue sources are presented as draft legislation. The Committee on Natural Resources and Fish and Wildlife thanks you in advance for review by your committee of these recommendations. Members of the Committee will be available to answer questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Rep. David Deen Chair, Committee on Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife

1	* * * Property Transfer Clean Water Surcharge; Extension of Sunset * * *
2	Sec. 1. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 64, Sec. 39 is amended to read:
3	Sec. 39. REPEAL OF CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE
4	32 V.S.A. § 9602a (Clean Water Surcharge) shall be repealed on July 1,
5	2018. [Repealed.]
6	* * * Water Quality Fines * * *
7	Sec. 2. 6 V.S.A. § 4995 is amended to read:
8	§ 4995. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT
9	(a) The Secretary may bring an action in the Civil Division of the Superior
10	Court to enforce the requirements of this chapter, or rules adopted under this
11	chapter, or any permit or certification issued under this chapter, to assure
12	compliance, and to obtain penalties in the amounts described in subsection (b)
13	of this section. The action shall be brought by the Attorney General in the
14	name of the State.
15	(b) The Court may grant temporary and permanent injunctive relief, and
16	may:
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18	(7) Levy a civil penalty as provided in this subdivision. A civil penalty
19	of not more than \$85,000.00 may be imposed for each violation. In addition,
20	in the case of a continuing violation, a penalty of not more than \$42,500.00
21	may be imposed for each day the violation continues. In fixing the amount of
22	the penalty, the Court shall apply the criteria set forth in subsections (e) and (f

1	of this section. The cost of collection of penalties or other monetary awards
2	shall be assessed against and added to a penalty assessed against a respondent.
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4	(e)(1) In determining the amount of the penalty provided in subsection (b)
5	of this section, the Court shall consider the following:
6	(A) the degree of actual or potential impact on public health, safety,
7	welfare, and the environment resulting from the violation;
8	(B) the presence of mitigating circumstances, including unreasonable
9	delay by the Secretary in seeking enforcement;
10	(C) whether the respondent knew or had reason to know the violation
11	existed;
12	(D) the respondent's record of compliance;
13	(E) the deterrent effect of the penalty;
14	(F) the State's actual costs of enforcement; and
15	(G) the length of time the violation has existed.
16	(2) In determining the amount of the penalty provided in subsection (b)
17	of this section, the Court may consider additional relevant factors.
18	(f) In addition to any penalty assessed under subsection (b) of this section,
19	the Secretary may also recapture economic benefit resulting from a violation.
20	(g) Civil penalties and recaptured economic benefit penalties collected
21	under this section shall be deposited in the Clean Water Fund established under
22	10 V.S.A. § 1388.

1	Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A § 8022 is added to read:
2	§ 8022. DISPOSITION OF WATER QUALITY PENALTIES
3	Monetary penalties, including administrative penalties, civil citations, and
4	economic benefits collected under this chapter for a violation of chapter 47 of
5	this title or for violation of 6 V.S.A. chapter 215 shall be deposited in the
6	Clean Water Fund established under section 1388 of this title.
7	Sec. 4. 10 V.S.A. § 8221 is amended to read:
8	§ 8221. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT
9	(a) The Secretary, or the Natural Resources Board with respect to matters
10	relating to land use permits under chapter 151 of this title only, may bring an
11	action in the Civil Division of the Superior Court to enforce the provisions of
12	law specified in subsection 8003(a) of this title, to ensure compliance, and to
13	obtain penalties in the amounts described in subsection (b) of this section. The
14	action shall be brought by the Attorney General in the name of the State.
15	(b) The court may grant temporary and permanent injunctive relief, and
16	may:
17	* * *
18	(6) Levy a civil penalty as provided in this subdivision. A civil penalty
19	of not more than \$85,000.00 may be imposed for each violation. In addition,
20	in the case of a continuing violation, a penalty of not more than \$42,500.00
21	may be imposed for each day the violation continues. In fixing the amount of
22	the penalty, the court shall apply the criteria set forth in subsections 8010(b)

1	and (c) of this title. The cost of collection of penalties or other monetary
2	awards shall be assessed against and added to a penalty assessed against a
3	respondent.
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5	(e) Civil penalties collected under this section for a violation of chapter 47
6	of this title or for a violation of 6 V.S.A. chapter 215 shall be deposited in the
7	Clean Water Fund established under section 1388 of this title.
8	* * * Motor Vehicle Registration; Clean Water Fee * * *
9	Sec. 5. 23 V.S.A. § 360 is added to read:
10	§ 360. CLEAN WATER FEE
11	(a) In addition to any other registration fee required under this subchapter,
12	a person registering a motor vehicle other than a trailer or semi-trailer shall be
13	assessed an annualized Clean Water Fee of \$10.00 at the time of first
14	registration and when registration is renewed.
15	(b) Fee proceeds collected under this section shall be deposited in the
16	Transportation Fund for disbursement to municipalities for environmental
17	conservation and mitigation projects related to stormwater and town highways.
18	* * * Clean Water Affinity Card * * *
19	Sec. 6. 32 V.S.A. § 584a is added to read:
20	§ 584a. VERMONT CLEAN WATER AFFINITY CARD PROGRAM
21	(a) The State Treasurer shall establish and sponsor the Vermont Clean
22	Water Affinity Card Program for the benefit of water quality improvement in

1	the State upon a determination that a Vermont Clean Water Infinity Card may
2	be procured at rates and terms in the best interest of the cardholders.
3	(b) In selecting an affinity card issuer, the Treasurer shall consider the
4	issuer's record of investments in the State and shall take into consideration
5	program features that will enhance the promotion of the State-sponsored
6	affinity card, including consumer-friendly terms, favorable interest rates,
7	annual fees, and other fees for using the card.
8	(c) The Treasurer shall allow cardholders to designate that funds be used to
9	support water quality programs in the State. The net proceeds of the State fees
10	or royalties generated by the Vermont Clean Water Affinity Card Program
11	shall be transmitted to the State and shall be deposited in the Clean Water Fund
12	under 10 V.S.A. § 1388 for use for the purposes of that Fund. The funds
13	received by the Treasurer under the Vermont Clean Water Affinity Card
14	Program shall be held by the Treasurer until transferred for the purposes
15	directed by participating State-sponsored affinity cardholders in accordance
16	with the trust fund provisions of section 462 of this title.
17	(d) The State shall not assume any liability for lost or stolen credit cards
18	nor any other legal debt owed to the financial institutions.
19	(e) The State Treasurer is authorized to adopt such rules as may be
20	necessary to implement the Vermont Clean Water Affinity Card Program.
21	* * * Rooms, Meals, and Alcohol Tax; Occupancy Surcharge * * *
22	Sec. 7. 32 V.S.A. § 9241 is amended to read:

§ 9241. IMPOSITION OF TAX

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- (a) An operator shall collect a tax of nine ten percent of the rent of each
 occupancy.
- (b) An operator shall collect a tax on the sale of each taxable meal at the
 rate of nine ten percent of each full dollar of the total charge and on each sale
 for less than one dollar and on each part of a dollar in excess of a full dollar in
 accordance with the following formula:

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2	0.69-0.78	0.07
3	0.79-0.89	0.08
4	0.90-0.99	0.09

(c) An operator shall collect a tax on each sale of alcoholic beverages at the rate of 10 11 percent of each full dollar of the total charge and on each sale for less than one dollar and on each part of a dollar in excess of a full dollar in accordance with the following formula:

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Sec. 8. 32 V.S.A. § 9242(c) is amended to read:

- occupancies and 10 percent of the gross receipts from meals and occupancies and 10 11 percent of the gross receipts from alcoholic beverages, exclusive of taxes collected pursuant to section 9241 of this title, received from occupancy rentals, taxable meals and alcoholic beverages by an operator, is hereby levied and imposed and shall be paid to the State by the operator as herein provided. Every person required to file a return under this chapter shall, at the time of filing the return, pay the Commissioner the taxes imposed by this chapter as well as all other monies collected by him or her under this chapter; provided, however, that every person who collects the taxes on taxable meals and alcoholic beverages according to the tax bracket schedules of section 9241 of this title shall be allowed to retain any amount lawfully collected by the person in excess of the tax imposed by this chapter as compensation for the keeping of prescribed records and the proper account and remitting of taxes.
- * * * Imposition of Sales and Use Tax on Certain Rentals * * *
- 22 Sec. 9. 32 V.S.A. § 9771(9) is added to read:

1	(9) charges for marina services and charges for limousine services.
2	Sec. 10. 32 V.S.A. § 9773(6) is added to read:
3	(6) charges for marina services and charges for limousine services.
4	Sec. 11. 32 V.S.A. § 9701 is amended to read:
5	§ 9701. DEFINITIONS
6	Unless the context in which they occur requires otherwise, the following
7	terms when used in this chapter mean:
8	(1) "Person" means an individual, partnership, society, association, joint
9	stock company, corporation, public corporation or public authority, estate,
10	receiver, trustee, assignee, referee, and any other person acting in a fiduciary or
11	representative capacity, whether appointed by a court or otherwise, and any
12	combination of the foregoing.
13	(2) "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Taxes or any
14	officer or employee of the Department duly authorized by the Commissioner
15	(directly or indirectly by one or more redelegations of authority) to perform the
16	functions herein mentioned or described.
17	(3) "Purchaser" means a person who purchases property or who receives
18	services taxable under this chapter.
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20	(55) "Limousine service" means a specialized transportation service
21	provided by a chauffeur-driven motor vehicle on a prearranged, charter basis.

1	"Limousine service" shall not mean a taxicab service or any service provided
2	between fixed points over regular routes at regular intervals.
3	(56) "Marina" means a commercial facility that for remuneration
4	provides secured moorings; dry storage for vessels; vessel supply and repair; or
5	other services for vessels.
6	* * * Disposition of Funds; Clean Water Fund; General Fund * * *
7	Sec. 12. 10 V.S.A. § 1388 is amended to read:
8	§ 1388. CLEAN WATER FUND
9	(a) There is created a special fund to be known as the "Clean Water Fund"
10	to be administered by the Secretary of Administration. The Fund shall
11	consist of:
12	(1) revenues dedicated for deposit into the Fund by the General
13	Assembly, including:
14	(A) the Property Transfer Tax surcharge established under 32 V.S.A.
15	§ 9602a;
16	(B) water quality fines collected under 6 V.S.A. § 4995 and sections
17	8022 and 8221 of this title;
18	(C) five percent of the meals, rooms, and alcohol taxes levied under
19	32 V.S.A. chapter 225; and
20	(D) 0.75 percent of the revenue from sales and use taxes levied
21	pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 233; and

1	(2) other gifts, donations, and impact fees received from any source,
2	public or private, dedicated for deposit into the Fund and approved by the
3	Secretary of Administration.
4	(b) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of 32 V.S.A. chapter 7,
5	subchapter 5, unexpended balances and any earnings shall remain in the Fund
6	from year to year.
7	Sec. 13. 10 V.S.A. § 1389(e) is amended to read
8	(e) Priorities.
9	(1) In making recommendations under subsection (d) of this section
10	regarding the appropriate allocation of funds from the Clean Water Fund, the
11	Board shall prioritize:
12	(A) funding to programs and projects that address sources of water
13	pollution in waters listed as impaired on the list of waters established by
14	33 U.S.C. § 1313(d);
15	(B) funding to projects that address sources of water pollution
16	identified as a significant contributor of water quality pollution, including
17	financial assistance to grant recipients at the initiation of a funded project;
18	(C) funding to programs or projects that address or repair riparian
19	conditions that increase the risk of flooding or pose a threat to life or property
20	(D) assistance required for State and municipal compliance with
21	stormwater requirements for highways and roads;

1	(E) funding for education and outreach regarding the implementation
2	of water quality requirements, including funding for education, outreach,
3	demonstration, and access to tools for the implementation of the Acceptable
4	Management Practices for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs in
5	Vermont, as adopted by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation;
6	(F) funding for innovative or alternative technologies or practices
7	designed to improve water quality or reduce sources of pollution to surface
8	waters, including funding for innovative nutrient removal technologies and
9	community-based methane digesters that utilize manure, wastewater, and food
10	residuals to produce energy; and
11	(G) funding to purchase agricultural land in order to take that land
12	out of practice when the State water quality requirements cannot be remediated
13	through agricultural Best Management Practices-;
14	(H) Funding funding to municipalities for the establishment and
15	operation of stormwater utilities; and
16	(I) funding to farmers, farmer associations, or agricultural water
17	quality associations for agricultural water quality conservation and mitigation
18	projects and for transition to organic, regenerative, or pasture-based farming.

1	Sec. 14. 32 V.S.A. § 435 is amended to read:
2	§ 435. GENERAL FUND
3	(a) There is established a General Fund which shall be the basic operating
4	fund of the State. The General Fund shall be used to finance all expenditures
5	for which no special revenues have otherwise been provided by law.
6	(b) The General Fund shall be composed of revenues from the following
7	sources:
8	(1) Alcoholic beverage tax levied pursuant to 7 V.S.A. chapter 15;
9	(2) [Repealed.]
10	(3) Electrical energy tax levied pursuant to chapter 213 of this title;
11	(4) Corporate income and franchise taxes levied pursuant to chapter 151
12	of this title;
13	(5) Individual income taxes levied pursuant to chapter 151 of this title;
14	(6) All corporation taxes levied pursuant to chapter 211 of this title;
15	(7) Meals and 95 percent of the meals, rooms, and alcohol taxes levied
16	pursuant to chapter 225 of this title;
17	(8) [Repealed.]
18	(9) Revenues from the Racing Fund consistent with 31 V.S.A.
19	§ 611 <u>609</u> ;
20	(10) 33 percent of the revenue from the property transfer taxes levied
21	pursuant to chapter 231 of this title and the revenue from the gains taxes levied
22	each year pursuant to chapter 236 of this title;

1	(11) 65 percent of the revenue from sales and use taxes levied pursuant
2	to chapter 233 of this title;
3	(12) All other revenues accruing to the State not otherwise required by
4	law to be deposited in any other designated fund or used for any other
5	designated purpose.
6	* * * Working Group on Water Quality Funding * * *
7	Sec. 15. WORKING GROUP ON WATER QUALITY FUNDING
8	(a) Creation. There is created the Working Group on Water Quality
9	Funding to develop a recommended method of assessing a statewide
10	impervious surface fee, per parcel fee, per acre fee, or some combination of the
11	foregoing, in order to generate revenue to be deposited in the Clean Water
12	Fund under 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to fund water quality restoration and
13	conservation in the State.
14	(b) Membership. The Working Group shall be composed of the following
15	11 members:
16	(1) The Secretary of Administration or designee;
17	(2) one current member of the House of Representatives, who shall be
18	appointed by the Speaker of the House;
19	(3) one current member of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the
20	Committee on Committees;
21	(4) one member from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns,
22	appointed by the Board of Directors of that organization;

1	(5) one member from the Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers
2	Association, appointed by the Executive Board of that organization;
3	(6) one member from the Vermont Mayor's Coalition appointed by that
4	organization;
5	(7) one member representing commercial or industrial business interests
6	in the State, to be appointed by ?;
7	(8) the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation or designee;
8	(9) the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation or designee;
9	(10) a representative of an environmental advocacy group, appointed by
10	the Speaker of the House; and
11	(11) a representative of the agricultural community appointed by the
12	Vermont Association of Conservation Districts.
13	(c) Powers and duties. The Working Group on Water Quality Funding
14	shall recommend to the General Assembly draft legislation to establish a
15	statewide method of assessing an impervious surface fee, a per parcel fee, a per
16	acre fee, or some combination of the foregoing, in order to generate revenue to
17	fund water quality restoration and conservation in the State. In developing the
18	draft legislation, the Working Group shall address:
19	(1) whether the fee or fees shall be assessed on impervious surface, per
20	parcel, per acre, or some combination of the foregoing;

1	(2) whether the fee or fees shall be tiered to reflect the amount of
2	impervious surface, size of a parcel, acreage of a parcel, type of property,
3	usage of the property, impact of the property on water quality, or other factors;
4	(3) the amount of fee or fees to be assessed;
5	(4) how the fee or fees shall be collected and remitted to the State;
6	(5) whether any property shall be exempt from the fee or fees;
7	(6) how an owner of property subject to a municipal stormwater utility
8	fee or other revenue mechanism for funding water quality improvements shall
9	receive a credit or reduced fee for payment of the municipal fee; and
10	(7) how to provide for abatement, delinquency, and enforcement of the
11	required fee or fees.
12	(d) Assistance. The Working Group on Water Quality Funding shall have
13	the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Agency of
14	Administration and the Department of Taxes. The Working Group on Water
15	Quality Funding shall have the technical assistance of the Vermont Center for
16	Geographic Information or designee
17	(e) Report. On or before January 15, 2018, the Working Group on Water
18	Quality Funding shall submit to the General Assembly a summary of its
19	activities and the draft legislation establishing a statewide method of assessing
20	an impervious surface fee, per parcel fee, per acre fee, or some combination of
21	the foregoing.
22	(f) Meetings.

1	(1) The Secretary of Administration shall call the first meeting of the
2	Working Group on Water Quality Funding to occur on or before July 1, 2017.
3	(2) The Secretary of Administration shall be the Chair of the Working
4	Group on Water Quality Funding.
5	(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
6	(4) The Working Group on Water Quality Funding shall cease to exist
7	on March 1, 2018.
8	(g) Reimbursement.
9	(1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General
10	Assembly, legislative members of the Working Group on Water Quality
11	Funding shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of
12	expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406.
13	(2) Other members of the Working Group on Water Quality Funding
14	who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise
15	compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem
16	compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.
17	(h) Appropriation. The sum of \$75,000.00 is appropriated to the Secretary
18	of Administration from the Clean Water Fund in fiscal year 2018 for per diem
19	compensation and reimbursement of expenses for members of the Working
20	Group on Water Quality Funding and to allow the Working Group to contract
21	with staff to provide technical or administrative services not available from the
22	Secretary of Administration or the Executive Branch as a whole.

1	* * * Repeal; Clean Water Funding Provisions * * *												
2	Sec. 16. 32 V.S.A. § 9241 is amended to read:												
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2	0.35-0.44	0.04
3	0.45-0.54	0.05
4	0.55-0.64	0.06
5	0.65-0.74	0.07
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7	0.85-0.94	0.09
8	0.95-1.00	0.10

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14	(6) All corporation taxes levied pursuant to chapter 211 of this title;
15	(7) 95 percent of the meals, Meals, rooms, and alcohol taxes levied
16	pursuant to chapter 225 of this title;
17	(8) [Repealed.]
18	(9) Revenues from the Racing Fund consistent with 31 V.S.A. § 609;
19	(10) 33 percent of the revenue from the property transfer taxes levied
20	pursuant to chapter 231 of this title and the revenue from the gains taxes levied
21	each year pursuant to chapter 236 of this title;

1	(11) 65 percent of the revenue from sales and use taxes levied pursuant
2	to chapter 233 of this title;
3	(12) All other revenues accruing to the State not otherwise required by
4	law to be deposited in any other designated fund or used for any other
5	designated purpose.
6	Sec. 20. REPEAL; CLEAN WATER FUNDING PROVISIONS
7	The following shall be repealed on July 1, 2021:
8	(1) 6 V.S.A. § 4995(g) (agricultural water quality fines; Clean Water
9	Fund);
10	(2) 10 V.S.A. § 8022 (ANR water quality fines; Clean Water Fund);
11	(3) 10 V.S.A. § 8221(e) (Attorney General water quality fines; Clean
12	Water Fund);
13	(4) 23 V.S.A. § 360 (Clean Water Fee; motor vehicle registration);
14	(5) 32 V.S.A. § 9771(9) (sales tax; rental activities); and
15	(6) 32 V.S.A. § 9773(6) (use tax; rental activities).
16	* * * Effective Dates * * *
17	Sec. 21. EFFECTIVE DATES
18	(a) This section and Sec. 30 (Working Group on Water Quality Funding)
19	shall take effect on passage.
20	(b) The following sections shall take effect on July 1, 2019:
21	(1) Sec. 5 (Clean Water Fee; motor vehicle registration);
22	(2) Secs. 7 and 8 (rooms, meals, and alcohol tax); and

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- 2 (c) Secs. 16–20 (repeal and reversion of clean water fees and taxes) shall
- 3 take effect July 1, 2021.
- 4 (d) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2017