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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Representative William Botzow, Chair, House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

From: Representative David Sharpe, Chair, House Committee on Education

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Subject: S. 135, Section E. 2



S.135 Sec. E.2 proposes to expand Workforce Education Training grants that fund Career Focus and Planning programs to reach middle school students.

The House Education Committee strongly supports a policy of expanded career awareness programs for middle school students, but understands that asking for this expansion in targeted ages without adding an additional appropriation would require the overseeing agency to spread limited resources across a greater number of programs. The Committee further understands that adding an appropriation may complicate the process of moving the bill to the House floor.

Therefore, while the Committee supports the policy and objective of improving career awareness for Vermont's middle school students in S.135 Sec. E.2 (d)(1) and (f)(4), we leave it to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to determine adequate funding.