

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SEC. 5 APPROPRIATIONS: AGENCY OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The following sum of \$740,000 is requested for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 in total to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The Commissioner is authorized to direct funds appropriated in this Section to the projects contained in this Section; the individual allocations in this Section are estimates only:

1. Major Maintenance at All Sites..... \$400,000

The sum of \$200,000 is requested for each of FY 2018 and FY 2019. Funds are requested to address deferred maintenance assuring that the eighty-one (81) structures are properly maintained at the State-Owned Historic Sites. Ongoing maintenance and repairs will protect the infrastructure and prevent more costly capital work in the future. Repairs such as foundations, roofs, structural deficiencies, furnace replacements, ADA compliance, exterior painting, upgrades to fire and security systems, and water and septic systems are undertaken with these funds.

2. The sum of \$340,000 is requested for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 in total to be appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for:

A. Underwater Preserves \$60,000

All underwater historic sites in the Vermont waters of Lake Champlain belong in public trust and under the authority of the Division for Historic Preservation. It is the Division's responsibility to protect, manage, and interpret this public heritage and keep it safe for the diving and boating public. The Capital appropriation provides funds for mooring buoys and underwater signs, emergency response equipment for the boat provided by the Vermont State Police for Underwater Preserve monitoring, for the identification of additional sites that could be opened to the public as Preserves, conservation of recovered artifacts, and above water interpretive displays.

B. Roadside Historic Markers \$30,000

These funds are requested for the continued erection of Roadside Historic Site Markers. This program, which has been active since 1947, places new markers and replaces damaged markers across the State to identify historically significant places, events or people.

Not Included in this testimony but is included in the total request (Rebecca)
Tax – VT Center for Geographic Information – Digital Orthophotographic
Quadrangle Mapping \$250,000

Total Request for FY 2018	\$370,000
Total Request for FY 2019	\$370,000
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