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H. 608 – An act relating to creating an Older Vermonters Act working Group

As passed by the House

Sec. 3 of the bill creates an Older Vermonters Act working group for the purpose of developing recommendations for an Older Vermonters Act that aligns with the federal Older Americans Act, the Vermont State Plan on Aging and the Choice for care program. The membership includes two legislators, ten members from various state agencies and stakeholder groups, two older Vermonters from different regions of the State, and a family caregiver of an older Vermonter. It requires them to meet no more than once every two months between September 15, 2018 and December 1, 2019 and allows for per diems and expense reimbursements.

We assume up to 8 meetings with per diems for two legislators pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 and expense reimbursements for the two older Vermonters and one caregiver pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

2 Legislators X \$219 per diem¹ X 8 meetings = **\$3,504**
3 Members X \$122 reimbursement² X 8 meetings = **\$2,928**

We assume that the costs of the other ten members will be covered by the organizations they represent. The per diems for the legislators would come out of the legislative budget. The expense reimbursements for the other three members mentioned above would come out of the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) budget. These costs are nominal and can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

¹ 2 V.S.A. § 406

² 32 V.S.A. § 1010