

Senate Health and Welfare Committee

H.736 – An Act Relating to Lead Poisoning Prevention

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Title 10: Conservation and Development

Chapter 15: VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUSTFUND

§ 302 Policy, findings, and purpose

- (a) The dual goals of creating affordable housing for Vermonters, and conserving and protecting Vermont's agricultural land, forestland, historic properties, important natural areas, and recreational lands are of primary importance to the economic vitality and quality of life of the State.





30 Years of Housing & Conservation

\$1.5 Billion Leverage

Since 1987, VHCB funding has helped protect, conserve and create:

- 12,500 affordable homes – rental and homeownership
- 265,000 acres of working forests, natural areas and recreational lands
- 701 farms and 162,000 acres of farmland
- 68 historic buildings have been restored for community use
- 650 businesses have enrolled in our Farm & Forest Viability Program
- 450 AmeriCorps members have served through VHCB AmeriCorps



VHCB Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program

- \$30 million from HUD since 1994
- 2,600 homes and apartments
- Grants, loans and technical assistance to home and rental property owners
- Conduct outreach and education with Health Department



VHCB Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program

Priority given to homes with young children

Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health and brain development

According to the VDH, it can cost **\$5,600** per year in medical and special education costs for each seriously lead-poisoned child*

*Childhood Lead Poisoning, VDH, February 2018



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- Support bill as passed by the House
- Engage stakeholders in development of rules
- Monitor fee structure to ensure access to trainings

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