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2 Introduced by Senators Lyons and McCormack

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Government operations; State procurement; energy; climate change

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the

7 Secretary of Administration to include the climate change considerations set

8 forth in Executive Order 03-75 in the State procurement process.

9 An act relating to climate change considerations in State procurement

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 347 is added to read:

12 § 347. STATE CONTRACTING; CLIMATE CHANGE

13 (a) The Secretary of Administration, in consultation with the Vermont
14 Climate Cabinet, shall include in Administrative Bulletin 3.5 a policy direction
15 applicable to State procurement contracts that ensures the favorable
16 consideration of vendor business practices that promote clean energy and take
17 action to address climate change. The Secretary may set a minimum financial
18 threshold for application of this policy, which shall include consideration of
19 best practices such as:

20 (1) use of thermal and electric efficiency and conservation measures;

1 (2) use of renewable energy sources for its operation;

2 (3) efforts to reduce and track carbon emissions;

3 (4) use of and encouragement of employee use of electric and zero
4 emissions vehicles, including providing workplace charging stations;

5 (5) offering employees an option for a fossil fuel divested retirement
6 account;

7 (6) considering whether the supplies or services offered promote waste,
8 energy, and water efficiency; and

9 (7) considering any other factors deemed relevant by the Secretary
10 relating to environmentally responsible practices.

11 (b) As part of the competitive bidding process, the State shall give
12 favorable consideration to a bidder that adheres to the best practices set forth in
13 subsection (a) of this section; provided, however, that favorable consideration
14 shall be consistent with and shall not supersede any other guidance issued by
15 the Secretary, including whether to give preference to resident bidders of the
16 State or products raised or manufactured in the State.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on passage.