

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 160 entitled “An act relating to agricultural development” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the House propose
5 to the Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 11 (Forest Carbon Sequestration Working Group), in
7 subsection (d), in the second sentence, after “Office of Legislative Council”
8 and before the period, by inserting “and the fiscal assistance of the Joint Fiscal
9 Office”
10 and in subsection (g), in a subdivision (g)(1), after “pursuant to 2 V.S.A.
11 § 406” and before the period, by inserting “for not more than five meetings”
12 and in subsection (g), in subdivision (g)(2), in the second sentence, by striking
13 out “for any meeting he or she attended in person” and inserting in lieu thereof
14 “for not more than five meetings”

15 Second: In Sec. 12, by striking out 10 V.S.A. § 2622c in its entirety and
16 inserting in lieu thereof a new 10 V.S.A. § 2622c to read as follows:

17 § 2622c. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; LOGGER SAFETY; MASTER

18 LOGGER CERTIFICATION; COST-SHARE

19 (a) The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation annually shall
20 award grants to the following entities in order to provide financial assistance to
21 loggers for the purposes of improving logger safety and professionalism:

- 1 (1) to the Vermont Logger Education to Advance Professionalism
2 (LEAP) program to provide financial assistance to logging contractors for the
3 costs of logger safety training or continuing education in logger safety; and
4 (2) to the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands for the purpose of
5 annually paying for up to 50 percent, but not more than \$1,500.00, of the costs
6 of the initial certification of up to 10 logging contractors enrolled in the Master
7 Logger Certification Program.
- 8 (b) The following costs to a logging contractor shall be eligible for
9 assistance under the grants awarded under subsection (a) of this section:
- 10 (1) the costs of safety training, continuing education, or a loss
11 prevention consultation;
- 12 (2) the costs of certification under the Master Logger Program
13 administered by the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands; or
- 14 (3) the costs of completion of a logging career technical education
15 program.
- 16 (c) A grant awarded under this section shall pay up to 50 percent of the cost
17 of an eligible activity.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE