

House Committee of Conference Proposal
H.529 (Senate Secs. 9 and 20 to 56 and House Secs. 26 and 34)

Senate Sec. 9 – House proposal:

Sec. **9**. 19 V.S.A. § 10g(h) is amended to read:

(h) Should capital projects in the Transportation Program be delayed because of unanticipated problems with permitting, right-of-way acquisition, construction, local concern, or availability of federal or State funds, the Secretary is authorized to advance projects in the approved Transportation Program. The Secretary is further authorized to undertake projects to resolve emergency or safety issues. Upon authorizing a project to resolve an emergency or safety issue, the Secretary shall give prompt notice of the decision and action taken to the Joint Fiscal Office and to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation when the General Assembly is in session, and when the General Assembly is not in session, to the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee, the Joint Fiscal Office, and the Joint Fiscal Committee. Should an approved project in the current Transportation Program require additional funding to maintain the approved schedule, the Agency is authorized to allocate the necessary resources. However, the Secretary shall not delay or suspend work on approved projects to reallocate funding for other projects except when other funding options are not available. In such case, the Secretary shall notify ~~the members of the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee, and the Joint Fiscal Office, and the Joint Fiscal Committee when the General Assembly is not in session and the House and Senate Committees on Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Office when the General Assembly is in session.~~ With respect to projects in the approved Transportation Program, the Secretary shall notify, in the district affected, the regional planning commission, the municipality, Legislators, ~~members of the Senate and House Committees on Transportation, and the Joint Fiscal Office of any change which that~~ likely will affect the fiscal year in which the project is planned to go to construction. No project shall be canceled without the approval of the General Assembly, **except that the Agency may cancel a municipal project upon the request or concurrence of the municipality provided that notice of the cancellation is included in the Agency's annual proposed Transportation Program.**

Senate Sec. 20 – Ok with Senate proposal of amendment

Senate Sec. 29 – Ok with Senate proposal of amendment

Senate Sec. 30 – Ok with Senate proposal of amendment

Senate Sec. 32 – Ok with Senate proposal of amendment

Senate Sec. 33 – Delete section

House Sec. 26 – Ok with Senate proposal of amendment (deleting)

Senate Sec. 34 – House proposal forthcoming

Senate Sec. 35 – Ok with Senate proposal of amendment

Senate Sec. 36 – Ok with Senate proposal of amendment

Senate Sec. 39 – Ok with Senate proposal of amendment

Senate Sec. 40 – House proposal:

Sec. 40. 29 V.S.A. § 903(g) is amended to read:

(g) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, when purchasing or leasing vehicles for State use shall consider vehicles using alternative fuels when the alternative fuel is suitable for the vehicle's operation, is available in the region where the vehicle will be used, and is competitively priced with traditional fuels, to the maximum extent practicable, purchase or lease hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles, as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(85), but in no instance shall less than 50 percent of the vehicles annually purchased or leased be hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles. The Commissioner shall, whenever possible and provided that the vehicles are comparable and meet the State's needs, purchase or lease the lowest-cost year of the selected make and model, and only the latest year model when it is the least expensive.

Senate Sec. 41 – House proposal:

Sec. 41. 29 V.S.A. § 903(g) is amended to read:

(g) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, when purchasing or leasing vehicles for State use shall, to the maximum extent practicable, purchase or lease hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles, as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(85), but in no instance shall less than 50 75 percent of the vehicles annually purchased or leased be hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles. The Commissioner shall, whenever possible and provided that the vehicles are comparable and meet the State's needs, purchase or lease the lowest-cost year of the selected make and model, and only the latest year model when it is the least expensive.

Senate Sec. 42 – Ok with Senate proposal of amendment

House Sec. 34 – House proposal forthcoming

Senate Sec. 44 – Delete section

Senate Sec. 45 – Delete section

Senate Sec. 46 – Change section title to “VEHICLE FEEBATE AND VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FUNDING REPORT”

Senate Sec. 47 – Ok with Senate proposal of amendment

Senate Sec. 48 – Delete section

Senate Sec. 49 – Delete section

Senate Sec. 50 – Delete section

Senate Sec. 51 – Delete section

Senate Sec. 52 – Delete section

Senate Sec. 53 – Delete section

Senate Sec. 54 – Delete section

Senate Sec. 55 – Ok with Senate proposal of amendment