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Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Energy
Comparison Sen. Bray’s Proposed Amendment v. Language Submitted by Vermont Energy Cooperative,
Green Mountain Power, and Efficiency Vermont

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Sen. Bray Amendment	Language submitted by VEC, GMP, and EVT	Differences & questions
<p>Sec. 1. EFFICIENCY VERMONT; FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL THERMAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES</p> <p>Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Efficiency Vermont may use the following funds for thermal energy and process fuel energy efficiency services in accordance with 30 V.S.A. § 209(e)(1):</p> <p>(1) any balances in the Electric Efficiency Fund that are allocated to Efficiency Vermont and that are carried forward from prior calendar years pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3)(A); and</p> <p>(2) any funds that are allocated to Efficiency Vermont and that are not spent for another purpose in calendar years 2019 and 2020.</p>	<p>Sec. 1. EFFICIENCY VERMONT; FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL THERMAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES</p> <p>Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Efficiency Vermont may use the following funds for moderate-income weatherization in accordance with 30 V.S.A. § 209(e)(1):</p> <p>(1) any balances in the Electric Efficiency Fund that are allocated to Efficiency Vermont and that are carried forward prior to 2019 pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3)(A); and</p> <p>(2) any funds that are allocated to Efficiency Vermont and that are not spent for another purpose in calendar years 2019 and 2020.</p>	<p>Bray amendment provides maximum flexibility to EVT. VEC, GMP & EVT language limits use of funds to “moderate-income weatherization.”</p> <p>VEC, GMP & EVT limits carry forward to 2018 (excluding carry forward from 2019).</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does “weatherization” include / exclude? 2. How is “moderate-income” defined? 3. Why exclude 2019 carry forward?

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<p>Sec. 2. PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION PROCEEDING</p> <p>(a) The Public Utility Commission shall open a proceeding, or continue an existing proceeding, to consider the following:</p> <p>(1) Creation of an all-fuels efficiency utility or utilities. Whether one or more entities should be appointed to provide for the coordinated development, implementation, and monitoring of efficiency, conservation, and related programs and services as to all regulated fuels, unregulated fuels, and fossil fuels as defined in 30 V.S.A. § 209(e)(3). The Commission shall consider all information and factors it deems appropriate, including whether the appointment of one or more such entities would:</p> <p>(A) help achieve the State goals set forth in 10 V.S.A. §§ 578, 580, and 581;</p> <p>(B) further the recommendations contained in the State Comprehensive Energy Plan;</p> <p>(C) further the objectives set forth in 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3)(B);</p> <p>(D) develop and utilize a full cost-benefit, full life cycle accounting method for analyzing energy policy and programs; and</p> <p>(E) employ metrics that assess positive and negative externalities, including health impacts on individuals and the public.</p>	<p>Sec. 2. PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION PROCEEDING</p> <p>(a) The Public Utility Commission shall open a proceeding, or continue an existing proceeding, to consider the following:</p> <p>(1) How existing entities appointed by the Commission pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(2) and electric distribution utilities can be authorized to coordinate the development, implementation, and monitoring of energy efficiency, conservation, load management, fuel-switching and strategic electrification, and related programs and services as to all regulated fuels, unregulated fuels, and fossil fuels as defined in 30 V.S.A. § 209(e)(3) for the purpose of reducing emissions and limiting overall energy costs, consistent with the State goals, recommendations, and objectives enumerated below. The Commission shall consider all information and factors it deems appropriate, including identification of common goals and metrics, that would:</p> <p>(A) help achieve the State goals set forth in 10 V.S.A. §§ 578, 580, and 581;</p> <p>(B) further the recommendations contained in the State Comprehensive Energy Plan;</p> <p>(C) further the objectives set forth in 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3)(B); and</p> <p>(D) further the objectives set forth in 30 V.S.A. § 8005(a)(3).</p>	<p>Bray amendment: PUC to analyze 3 separate issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether to recommend creation of an all-fuels eff. utility (and whether this should be 1 or multiple utilities and whether it should be a new or existing utility or utilities). 2. Whether the definition of efficiency (regardless of whether PUC recommends creation of an all-fuels eff. utility or not) should be expanded to include concepts such as demand response and storage. 3. How to fund 1 and 2. <p>VEC, GMP & EVT language: Combines #1 and # 2 and limits PUC analysis to existing efficiency utilities and distribution utilities. Adds reference to “tier III” under RES (30 V.S.A. § 8005(a)(3)) and in factors deletes language concerning full life cycle accounting and metrics.</p>

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<p>(2) Expansion of the programs and services efficiency utilities may provide. Whether efficiency programs and services, whether provided by an existing entity appointed by the Commission or provided by one or more new entities pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, should incorporate additional technologies and strategies, including:</p> <p>(A) demand response;</p> <p>(B) flexible load management to reduce electric peak usage;</p> <p>(C) energy storage;</p> <p>(D) reduction of fossil fuel use through electrification; and</p> <p>(E) building shell improvement and weatherization.</p>		See above.
<p>(3) Funding. How best to provide consistent and adequate funding for these programs and services.</p>	<p>(2) How best to provide consistent and adequate funding for these programs and services.</p>	Substantially the same
<p>(b) Process. The Commission shall schedule workshops and seek written filings from all interested stakeholders and ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to provide input.</p>	<p>(b) Process. The Commission shall schedule workshops and seek written filings from all interested stakeholders and ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to provide input.</p>	Same
<p>(c) Reports. On or before:</p> <p>(1) January 15, 2020, the Commission shall submit a preliminary report to the House Committee on Energy and Technology and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy concerning its progress and any preliminary findings and recommendations; and</p> <p>(2) January 15, 2021, the Commission shall submit a final written report to the House Committee on Energy and Technology and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy with its findings and any recommendations, including any recommendations for legislative action.</p>	<p>(c) Report. On or before January 15, 2020, the Commission shall submit a final report to the House Committee on Energy and Technology and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy concerning its findings and recommendations.</p>	<p>Bray amendment: Interim report Jan. 2020 and final report Jan. 2021.</p> <p>VEC, GMP & EVT: Final report Jan. 2020.</p>