

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 148 entitled “An act relating to environmental justice in Vermont”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 2, 3 V.S.A. chapter 72, in section 6006, in subsection (b), by
7 striking out the word “nine” and inserting in lieu thereof “eight”

8 Second: In Sec. 2, 3 V.S.A. chapter 72, in section 6006, in subdivision
9 (d)(7), by striking out the second sentence in its entirety.

10 Third: In Sec. 2, 3 V.S.A. chapter 72, by striking out section 6007 in its
11 entirety and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

12 Fourth: By striking out Sec. 4, appropriations, in its entirety and inserting
13 in lieu thereof the following:

14 Sec. 4. APPROPRIATIONS

15 (a) There is appropriated the sum of \$500,000.00 in fiscal year 2023 from
16 the General Fund to the Agency of Natural Resources for the cost of
17 developing the mapping tool required in 3 V.S.A. § 6007 and for conducting
18 community outreach associated with the work of the Environmental Justice
19 Advisory Council.

1 (b) There is appropriated the sum of \$250,000.00 in fiscal year 2023 from
2 the General Fund to the Agency of Natural Resources for the following
3 positions:

4 (1) one full-time Civil Rights Compliance Director; and

5 (2) two new full-time positions to assist in the implementation of the

6 Environmental Justice State Policy and support the Environmental Justice

7 Advisory Council, one to be hired after July 1, 2022 and one to be hired after

8 December 31, 2022.

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11 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE