

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 518 entitled “An act relating to the Municipal Fuel Switching Grant
4 Program” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the report of the Committee on Energy and Technology be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: In Sec. 3, municipal energy resilience grant program, in subdivision
8 (a)(1), by striking out “renewable and” and inserting in lieu thereof “more”; in
9 subdivision (c)(1)(A) by striking out “\$200,000.00” and inserting in lieu
10 thereof “\$250,000.00”; and in subdivision (c)(1)(A), by striking out
11 “renewable energy”

12 Second: In Sec. 4, municipal energy resilience grant program;
13 appropriation, by adding the following at the end of subdivision (1):
14 “The funding to regional planning commissions shall be distributed as follows:

15 (A) Fifty-five percent of the funds shall be divided equally among the
16 regional planning commissions.

17 (B) Forty-five percent of the funds shall be allocated according to the
18 number of Vermont member municipalities in each regional planning
19 commission as of July 1, 2022.”

20 and by striking out subdivision (2)(B) in its entirety and inserting in lieu
21 thereof a new subdivision (2)(B) to read as follows:

1 “(B) \$1,000,000.00 for costs associated with administering the grant
2 program; and”

3 and in subdivision (2)(C) by striking out “heating systems with more efficient
4 renewable energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “less efficient”

5 Third: In Sec. 7, municipal energy revolving fund; FY 2023 appropriation;
6 report, in subdivision (a)(1), by striking out “\$750,000.00” and inserting in lieu
7 thereof “\$800,000.00”, and in subdivision (a)(2), by striking out
8 “\$1,500,000.00” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$2,000,000.00”

9 Fourth: In Sec. 9, FY 2023, appropriation; Department of Buildings and
10 General Services; regional planning commissions; positions, in the section
11 title, by striking out “regional planning commissions”; in subsection (a) by
12 inserting “; State Energy Management Program” after “Department of
13 Buildings and General Services” and by striking out subsection (b) in its
14 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 (b) Department of Buildings and General Services; Municipal Energy
16 Resilience Grant Program. Two full-time, limited-service positions are created
17 in the Department of Buildings and General Services in fiscal year 2023 for
18 three fiscal years to administer the Municipal Energy Resilience Grant
19 Program created in Sec. 3 of this act. The positions shall be funded from the

1 amount of \$1,000,000.00 for administrative costs appropriated in Sec. 4(2)(B)
2 of this act.

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9 (Committee vote: _____)

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12 FOR THE COMMITTEE