

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 736 entitled “An act relating to the Transportation Program and
4 miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation” respectfully reports
5 that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 2, investments in electric vehicle supply
8 equipment infrastructure, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
9 Sec. 2 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 2. INVESTMENTS IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT
11 INFRASTRUCTURE

12 (a) State highway network. The Agency of Transportation is authorized to
13 spend up to \$6,250,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget to
14 install level 3 EVSE along the State highway network consistent with the goals
15 established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 30, as amended by Sec. 3
16 of this act. This authorization shall be used by the Agency to purchase and
17 install level 3 EVSE or to provide grants for persons to purchase and install
18 level 3 EVSE, or both.

19 (b) Purpose. The purpose of the expenditures authorized in subsection (a)
20 of this section is to respond to negative economic impacts to the tourism,

1 travel, and hospitality industries caused by the COVID-19 public health
2 emergency.

3 (c) Administration expenses. Unless prohibited by federal or State law, the
4 Agency of Transportation may use up to 15 percent of the total amount that is
5 distributed in grant awards, if any, under subsection (a) of this section for costs
6 associated with administering and promoting any State-run electric vehicle
7 supply equipment grant programs, including translation and interpretation
8 service, community outreach, and education.

9 (d) Carryforward; deployment in fiscal year 2023.

10 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to the
11 approval of the Secretary of Administration, appropriations to support the
12 authorizations under this section remaining unexpended on June 30, 2023 shall
13 be carried forward and designated for the same expenditures in the subsequent
14 fiscal year.

15 (2) Every reasonable effort shall be made to obligate and deploy the
16 monies authorized for expenditure under this section in fiscal year 2023 in
17 order to achieve a pace of EVSE deployment necessary to meet the emissions
18 reduction requirements of 10 V.S.A. § 578(a) and the recommendations of the
19 Climate Action Plan (CAP) issued under 10 V.S.A. § 592.

20 (e) Outreach and marketing. The Agency of Transportation shall ensure
21 that there is sufficient outreach and marketing, including the use of translation

1 and interpretation services, of any EVSE grant program implemented pursuant
2 to subsection (a) of this section so that Vermonters who can secure financial
3 assistance under one of the EVSE grant programs can easily learn about and
4 how to apply for an EVSE grant.

5 Second: In Sec. 4, vehicle incentive programs, by striking out subsections
6 (f), purpose, and (g), eligibility criteria, in their entirety and by relettering the
7 remaining subsections to be alphabetically correct.

8 Third: By striking out Sec. 6, Vermont Association of Snow Travelers
9 (VAST) authorizations, and its corresponding reader assistance heading in
10 their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 6 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 6. [Deleted.]

12 Fourth: By adding a new section to be Sec. 14a before the reader assistance
13 heading to Sec. 15 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 14a. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION; DMV IT PROJECT

15 Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2023
16 Transportation Program, in one-time appropriations, the number “20,250,000”
17 is struck out for “All Exp,” “Total,” “Transportation Fund,” and “Total” and
18 replaced with the number “0” so as to indicate that there is no appropriation to
19 the Department of Motor Vehicles for the DMV Core System Modernization
20 Phase II project, and a note is added to read as follows: “The fiscal year 2023
21 budget bill appropriates \$20,250,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act

1 (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Agency of Digital
2 Services for the DMV Core System Modernization Phase II project.”

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6 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE