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**STATE OF VERMONT**  
House Committee

**House Committee on Ways and Means**

To: Representative Mary Hooper, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations  
From: Representative Janet Ancel, Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means  
Date: February 23, 2022  
Subject: Provisions in the Governor's Recommended FY 2023 State Budget

Our committee has reviewed the sections of the budget that affect our area of jurisdiction and offers the following comments.

E.233. Public Service; Universal Telecommunications Service: We heard testimony from Commissioner Schirling and don't have a recommendation on these sections. There are a number of issues that were identified and we support a broader discussion of them.

E.236. Powers and Duties of Board of Liquor and Lottery. We feel this is an issue for consideration by the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs and by our committee and should not be in the budget.

E.306 et seq. Health. We've heard from the Home Health Agencies and they request that the extension of the sunset wait until next year. In any event, this is a Tax issue, not an appropriations issue. We recommend it not be included in the budget.

E.504.1 Flexible pathways. We support the current allocation and do not support a change.

E.337 Community High School of Vermont. The committee does not support this change which would result in Community High School being funded through the Education Fund.

Sec. XXX Grand List Enhancement Program. ACCD. We didn't hear enough information to make a judgment about this program and we had some concerns about the methodology; however, this is a grant program rather than a tax expenditure and therefore outside our jurisdiction.

Sec.E139. Grand list litigation assistance. We support this appropriation.