

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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FOR THE COMMITTEE