

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 492 entitled “An act relating to the structure of the Natural Resources
4 Board” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the report of the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife be
6 amended as follows:

7 First: In Sec. 7, 10 V.S.A. § 6022, by striking out subsection (b) in its
8 entirety and relettering the remaining subsection to be alphabetically correct.

9 Second: In Sec. 14, environmental review board positions; appropriation, in
10 subsection (b), by striking out “\$300,000.00” and inserting “\$384,000.00”

11 Third: By striking out Sec. 17, report; environmental review board, in its
12 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 Sec. 17. REPORT; ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD

14 (a) On or before December 31, 2023, the Chair of the Environmental
15 Review Board shall report to the House Committees on Natural Resources,
16 Fish, and Wildlife and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on
17 Finance and on Natural Resources and Energy on necessary updates to the
18 Act 250 program.

1 (b) The report shall include:

2 (1) how to transition to a system in which Act 250 jurisdiction is based
3 on location, which shall encourage development in appropriate locations and
4 protect natural resources of statewide significance, including biodiversity;

5 (2) how to use the Capability and Development Plan to meet the
6 statewide planning goals;

7 (3) an assessment of the current level of staffing of the Board and
8 District Commissions, including whether there should be a district coordinator
9 located in every district;

10 (4) whether the permit fees are sufficient to cover the costs of the
11 program and, if not, a recommendation for a source of revenue to supplement
12 the fees;

13 (5) whether the permit fees are effective in providing appropriate
14 incentives; and

15 (6) whether the Board should be able to assess their costs on applicants.

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE