

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred House Bill No.
3 556 entitled “An act relating to exempting property owned by Vermont-
4 recognized Native American tribes from property tax” respectfully reports that
5 it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, findings; statement of purpose, by striking out the second
8 sentence in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof “Stewardship of these lands
9 was removed from the Abenaki by European governments and settlers.”

10 Second: In Sec. 3, 32 V.S.A. § 3802, in subdivision (21), after “organized
11 for the tribe’s benefit” by inserting “and controlled by the tribe”

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Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE