

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Energy and Technology to which was referred Senate
3 Bill No. 1 entitled “An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power
4 portfolio requirement” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended in
6 Sec. 4, plant closure contingency plan, by striking it in its entirety and inserting
7 in lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 to read:

8 Sec. 4. PLANT CLOSURE CONTINGENCY PLAN

9 On or before March 1, 2022, the Secretary of Commerce and Community
10 Development in consultation with the Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and
11 Recreation shall report to the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Economic
12 Development, Housing, and General Affairs, and Finance and the House
13 Committees on Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce and Economic
14 Development, and Energy and Technology a contingency plan to address how
15 to reduce the economic impacts that may occur if the baseload renewable
16 power plant closes. The plan shall address how to remediate harm to the
17 workforce impacted by the closure of the plant, the forestry industry, and forest
18 health. The contingency plan shall be developed in consultation with the
19 Northern Vermont Development Association, a Vermont resident selected by
20 the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation who works in the forestry
21 industry from the Ryegate lumber catchment area, and the owners of the

1 Ryegate Plant. On or before July 1, 2021, the Department of Forests, Parks
2 and Recreation shall render to the owners of the Ryegate Plant a statement for
3 \$10,000.00 to be used on the creation of the contingency plan, which the
4 owners of the Ryegate Plant shall pay within 30 days. The group of
5 stakeholders developing the plan shall hold at least one evening public hearing
6 on the plan in the lumber catchment area.

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Representative _____
FOR THE COMMITTEE