

Comparison of Agricultural Innovation Board as Passed by House in H.434 and Sec. Moore Proposal

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<p>Authority of Board</p>	<p>(1) Review and make recommendations for prioritizing and coordinating the implementation of the recommendations of the Soil Health and Payment for Ecosystem Services Working Group, the Vermont Climate Council, and other relevant recommendations.</p> <p>(2) Recommend practices that reduce the use of and exposure to pesticides and synthetic fertilizers in order to protect soil biology, human health, and environmental health.</p> <p>(3) Advise the Executive Branch and the General Assembly with respect to legislation concerning the use of agricultural pest control measures and integrated pest management.</p> <p>(4) Recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets policies, proposed rules, or legislation for the regulation of the use of treated articles when the Board determines that use of a treated article will have a hazardous or long-term deleterious effect on the environment in Vermont, presents a likely risk to human health, or is dangerous. In developing recommendations under this subdivision, the Board shall review:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(A) alternatives available to a user of a treated article; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(B) the potential effects on the environment or risks to human health from use of the available alternatives to use of a treated article.</p> <p>(5) Recommend practices to reduce the use and generation of waste associated with plastic in farming.</p> <p>(6) Incentivize farming practices that are looking to reduce the use and dependence on pesticides in their practices.</p> <p>(7) Advise the Agency with regard to the regulation of biostimulants.</p> <p>(8) Recommend studies necessary for the performance of its functions as established under this section.</p> <p>(9) Explore developing standards for a Vermont Agricultural Marketing program the sets standards for carbon capture, plastics use, and organic product selection.</p>	<p>The Board would advise the (AAFM) Secretary on policy re: pesticides, budget, and challenges, with the Secretary required to report to the General Assembly (4964(c))</p>

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<p>Board Membership (Common Members Highlighted)</p>	<p>(A) the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets or designee;</p> <p>(B) a member of the farming community who practices organic agriculture;</p> <p>(C) a member from the University of Vermont Center for Sustainable Agriculture;</p> <p>(D) the Director of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Agrichemical Program or designee;</p> <p>(E) the Director of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Water Quality Program or designee;</p> <p>(F) the Commissioner of Health or designee;</p> <p>(G) the Secretary of Natural Resources or designee;</p> <p>(H) a soil biologist or certified crop consultant;</p> <p>(I) a member of the public representing the dairy industry in Vermont;</p> <p>(J) a member of the public representing fruit and vegetable production in Vermont;</p> <p>(K) a member of the public representing grass-based, non-dairy livestock farming in Vermont;</p> <p>(L) a member of the public knowledgeable in agricultural water management;</p> <p>(M) a representative from an organization involved in land conservation; and</p> <p>(N) a representative from an environmental advocacy organization.</p>	<p>(1) the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets or designee;</p> <p>(2) the Secretary of Natural Resources or designee;</p> <p>(3) a member from the University of Vermont Center for Sustainable Agriculture;</p> <p>(4) a representative from an environmental advocacy organization;</p> <p>(5) a member of the farming community; and</p> <p>(6) a member from UVM extension or a certified crop consultant.</p>
<p>Organization of Board</p>	<p>Secretary of Agriculture appoints all members.</p> <p>Secretary of Agriculture is chair.</p> <p>Three year terms, but non-ex officio members limited to 3 terms.</p>	<p>Silent on how Board would be organized.</p>

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Advisory Panels	No references to advisory panels in the bill, but believe that AAFM indicated that they may use.	Would establish 2 advisory panels in statute (with Board authority to create additional advisory panels to carry out its duties): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pesticide advisory panel •Clean water and ecosystem services advisory panel
Additional Provisions	Board required to report annually to General Assembly Board required to propose annual budget. Board surveys farmers across the state to understand challenges faced by farmers.	Provides that the Board would advise the (AAFM) Secretary on policy re: pesticides, budget, and challenges, with the Secretary required to report to the legislature (4964(c)).
Assumption of Pesticide Advisory Council Authorities and Duties	Board would assume authorities and duties of the Pesticide Advisory Council. Specific amendments to statute provided in the bill.	Unclear if under the proposal the Board would assume the authorities and duties of the Pesticide Advisory Council.