

Dear Senator White and Committee Members:

The Vermont Association of Realtors® appreciates the committee's work on this important piece of legislation. We believe that the Secretary of State's, Archive Office has the ability to develop the programming required to help municipalities update and digitize their land records. At the same time, this discussion has been going on for years and the bill, as presently written, does not require development of a program rather just a report back to the legislature.

I am including language from the original H.512 as introduced from section 141(c) that was the basis of my testimony last week. The Deputy Secretary of State has recommended to this committee that the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration fulfill this role as recommended by the Secretary of State.

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Hi Chair White and Committee:

First time I have hit send before completing my thoughts. My apologies.

We agree that the Archives Office is the natural location for this work. The language in 141 (c) requires the office to establish these rules by January 1, 2024, and will put this state on a path to accomplish the goal of creating a platform for municipalities to use as they address their land records. This would also require some reworking of present language to acknowledge the interim report.

This is just a recommendation from the Realtor® association, however we feel that it will remedy the issues at hand and lead to an outcome that is better for all involved in land record management in Vermont.

Respectfully,

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