



STATE OF VERMONT
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

To: Representative Donahue
From: Emily Byrne, Deputy Fiscal Officer
Date: March 29, 2024
Subject: H.883 Donahue Amendment; 3rd Reading - Fiscal Estimates (*updated*)

The amendment to H.883 would add new section, B.1104, and include the one-time appropriations listed in the attached table to the fiscal year 2025 appropriations act. This would increase General Fund appropriations in fiscal year 2025 by \$25.75 million. With this amendment the total General Fund appropriations in fiscal year 2025 will be \$2.22 billion. Increasing appropriations above the governor's recommended budget by \$41.08 million, or an increase of 1.34% (after accounting for the pension plus payment).

This amendment reappropriates the appropriations as presented in house bills H.721, H.829, and H.880. The funds needed to support the bills with the original appropriations included the necessary revenue to support the additional appropriations.

- If the appropriations are added to this bill, and the other bills **pass**, the appropriations would be duplicative, and there would only be revenue to support one instance of appropriation.
- If the appropriations are added to this bill, and the other bills **fail**, the appropriations would not be duplicative and there would be no revenue to support them.

The bills that originally appropriated these funds included intent language to support continued appropriations in fiscal year 2026 and beyond. While the appropriations have not been established. Based on intent language, the assumption is that the bills would raise revenue and would be used to support appropriations of equal amounts:

- H.721 and H.880 had the same revenue sources to support appropriations made in both bills. The total revenue raised in fiscal year 2026 is estimated to be \$39.22 million
- H.829 is estimated to raise \$92.4 million in fiscal year 2026.

Summary table on the following page.

**Summary Amendment to H.883 – FY 2025 Appropriations
(in millions)**

	General Funds	Federal Funds	Global Commitment Funds
Sec. B.1104 (a) Access to the judicial system			
(1) Judiciary	2.26		
(2) States Attorneys	1.70		
(3) Defender General	1.34		
(4) Department of Corrections	1.05		
(5) Attorney General	0.40		
(6) Center for Crime Victims Services	0.04		
(7) Agency of Administration	0.26		
(8) to Public Defense Special Fund	0.15		
(9) to Center for Crime Victims Services Special Fund	0.30		
Subtotal Sec. B.1104(a)	7.51		
Sec. B.1104 (b) Medicaid expansion			
(1) Dr. Dynasaur Implementation	0.36	0.84	1.20
(2) Technical Analysis	0.25	0.20	0.45
(3) Implementation of Medicaid Savings Program	0.10	0.10	0.20
Subtotal Sec. B.1104(b)	0.71	1.14	1.85
Sec. B.1104 (c) Long-term housing solutions			
(1) DHCD - VHIP	1.00		
(2) VHCB	0.00		
(A) Land Access & Opportunities Board	1.00		
(B) Production of affordable housing	7.30		
(3) AHS - Refugee Housing	0.90		
(4) DCF - Rental Housing Stabilization Services	0.40		
(5) AHS - Legal Aid for Tenant Representation	1.03		
(6) VSHA - Rent Arrears Assistance Fund	2.50		
(7) AHS - to VHCB; Resident Services Program	0.70		
(8) DCF - Emergency Solutions Grant	2.70		
Subtotal Sec. B.1104(c)	17.53		
Total Sec. B.1104	25.74	1.14	1.85