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2 Representative Durfee moves that the bill be amended as follows:

3 First: In Sec.2, findings, by adding a new subdivision (5) to read as
4 follows:

5 (5) In 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Department of Forests, Park and
6 Recreations was tasked with developing a Vermont Forest Future Strategic
7 Roadmap to strengthen, modernize, promote, and protect the forest products
8 sector, the greater forest economy, and promote the importance of healthy,
9 resilient, and sustainably managed working forests that provide a diverse array
10 of high-quality products now and in the future.

11 and by renumbering the remaining subdivisions to be numerically correct.

12 Second: In Sec. 3, 10 V.S.A. chapter 89, in section 2803, in subsection (b),
13 by striking out subdivisions (1) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection
14 (1) to read as follows:

15 (1) a review of the three conservation categories defined in section 2801
16 of this title and suggestions for developing any modifications or additions to
17 these categories that maintain or complement the core concepts of ecological
18 reserve areas, biodiversity conservation areas, and natural resource
19 management areas in order to complete the conserved land inventory and
20 inform the comprehensive strategy in the conservation plan;

1 Third: In Sec. 3, 10 V.S.A. chapter 89, in section 2804, in subsection (b),
2 by striking out subdivisions (1) through (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:

4 (1) a comprehensive strategy for achieving the goals of section 2802 of
5 this title while continuing to conserve and protect Vermont’s agricultural land,
6 working forests, historic properties, recreational lands, and surface waters;

7 (2) the implementation methods for achieving the vision and goals of
8 this chapter using Vermont Conservation Design as a guide;

9 (3) recommendations to increase equitable access to protected and
10 conserved lands and land-based enterprises; and

11 (4) recommendations to implement the vision and goals of this chapter
12 while also enhancing the State of Vermont’s current investments and
13 commitments to working lands enterprises, rural landowners, and the broad
14 conservation mission implemented by the Secretary and VHCB, including
15 conservation of agricultural land, working forests, historic properties,
16 recreational lands, and surface waters.

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