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2 Representatives Sims of Craftsbury and Surprenant of Barnard move the
3 report of the Committee on Environment and Energy be amended as follows:

4 First: In Sec. 34, tier 2 area report, by striking out subdivision (a)(2)(C) in
5 its entirety and by renumbering the remaining subdivisions to be numerically
6 correct.

7 Second: By adding new section to be Sec. 34a to read as follows:

8 Sec. 34a. WOOD PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS REPORT

9 (a) The Natural Resources Board, in consultation with the Department of
10 Forests, Parks and Recreation, shall convene a stakeholder group to report on
11 how to address the Act 250 permitting process to better support wood products
12 manufacturers and their vital role in the forest economy.

13 (b) The group shall examine the Act 250 permitting process and identify
14 how the minor permit process provided for in 10 V.S.A. § 6084(g) has been
15 working and whether there are shortcomings or challenges.

16 (c) The group may look at permitting holistically to understand the role of
17 permits from the Agency of Natural Resources, municipal permits, where they
18 apply, and Act 250 permits and develop recommendations to find efficiencies
19 in the entire process or recommend an alternative permitting process for wood
20 products manufacturers.

1 (d) On or before December 15, 2024, the Natural Resources Board shall
2 submit the report to the House Committees on Agriculture, Food Resiliency,
3 and Forestry and on Environment and Energy and the Senate Committees on
4 Agriculture and on Natural Resources and Energy.