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2 Representatives Sims of Craftsbury, Boyden of Cambridge, Buss of
3 Woodstock, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Hango of Berkshire, Noyes of Wolcott,
4 Pajala of Londonderry, and Surprenant of Barnard move that the report of the
5 Committee on Environment and Energy be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 28, 10 V.S.A. § 6033, in subsection (c), by striking out
7 subdivision (F) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (F) to read as
8 follows:

9 (F) Municipal staff or contracted capacity adequate to support
10 development review and zoning administration in the Tier 1B area.

11 Second: In Sec. 39, 24 V.S.A. § 4348, in subsection (a), by striking out the
12 second sentence in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 At the outset of the planning process and throughout the process, regional
14 planning commissions shall solicit the participation of each of their member
15 municipalities, local citizens, and organizations by holding informal working
16 sessions that suit the needs of local people.

17 Third: In Sec. 39, 24 V.S.A. § 4348, by striking out subsection (d), and
18 inserting in lieu thereof a new (d) to read as follows:

19 (e)(d)(1) At least 30 days prior to the first hearing, a copy of the proposed
20 plan or amendment, a report documenting conformance with the goals
21 established in section 4302 of this chapter and the plan elements established in

1 section 4348a of this chapter, and a description of any changes to the Regional
2 Future Land Use Map with a request for general comments and for specific
3 comments with respect to the extent to which the plan or amendment is
4 consistent with the goals established in section 4302 of this title, shall be
5 delivered physically or electronically with proof of receipt or sent by certified
6 mail, return receipt requested, to each of the following:

7 ~~(1)~~(A) the chair of the legislative body of each municipality within the
8 region;

9 ~~(2)~~(B) the executive director of each abutting regional planning
10 commission;

11 ~~(3)~~(C) the Department of Housing and Community Development within
12 the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Community
13 Investment Board for a formal review and comment;

14 ~~(4)~~(D) business, conservation, low-income advocacy, and other
15 community or interest groups or organizations that have requested notice in
16 writing prior to the date the hearing is warned; and

17 ~~(5)~~(E) the Agency of Natural Resources ~~and~~ the Agency of Agriculture,
18 Food and Markets; the Agency of Transportation; the Department of Public
19 Service; the Department of Public Safety’s Division of Emergency
20 Management; and the Environmental Review Board.

1 (2) At least 30 days prior to the first hearing, the regional planning
2 commission shall provide each of its member municipalities with a written
3 description of map changes within the municipality, a municipality-wide map
4 showing old versus new areas with labels, and information about the new Tier
5 structure under 10 V.S.A. chapter 151, including how to obtain Tier 1A or 1B
6 status, and the process to updating designated area boundaries.

7 Fourth: In Sec. 43, 24 V.S.A. § 4306, by adding two new subsections to be
8 subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

9 (d) Until July 1, 2027, the annual disbursement to municipalities shall
10 prioritize funding grants to municipalities that do not have zoning and
11 subdivision bylaws to create zoning and subdivision bylaws.

12 (e) For the annual disbursement to municipalities, the Department shall:

13 (1) allow a regional planning to commission to submit an application for
14 disbursement on behalf of a municipality; and

15 (2) not require a municipality without zoning or subdivision bylaws to
16 contribute matching funds in order to receive a grant.