

1 H.740

2 Introduced by Representative James of Manchester

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation and development; air pollution; greenhouse gases;  
6 greenhouse gas inventory and registry

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to give the  
8 Agency of Natural Resources additional authority to collect data for the  
9 greenhouse gas inventory and registry.

10 An act relating to the greenhouse gas inventory and registry

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 ~~Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 582 is amended to read:~~

13 § 582. GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES; REGISTRY

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15 (e) Rules.

16 (1) The Secretary may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this  
17 section and shall review existing and proposed international, federal, and State  
18 greenhouse gas emission reporting programs and make reasonable efforts to  
19 ~~promote consistency among the programs established pursuant to this section~~

1 ~~and other programs, and to streamline reporting requirements on greenhouse~~  
2 gas emission sources. Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section,  
3 nothing in this section shall limit a State agency from adopting any rule within  
4 its authority.

5 (2) The Secretary shall adopt rules that create a comprehensive  
6 greenhouse gas emission reporting program that covers all sources of  
7 emissions, including fuel suppliers. Suppliers of transportation and heating  
8 fuels covered by the rules shall comply with requests from the Secretary for  
9 information. The information collected shall at a minimum include the types  
10 and volume of fuels sold, by sector for the transportation, residential,  
11 commercial, and industrial sectors, by county.

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13 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

14 On or before March 1, 2027, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall  
15 submit to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules proposed final  
16 rules for greenhouse gas reporting as required under 10 V.S.A. § 582(e)(2).

17 Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION

18 In fiscal year 2027, the sum of \$800,000.00 is appropriated from the  
19 General Fund to the Secretary of Natural Resources to be used to draft the  
20 greenhouse gas emission reporting rules, to develop a greenhouse gas emission  
21 source database, and to fund staff time on emission source data collection.

1 ~~Sec. 1. EFFECTIVE DATE~~

2 ~~This act shall take effect on passage.~~

*Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 582 is amended to read:*

*§ 582. GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES; REGISTRY*

*\* \* \**

*(e) Rules.*

*(1) The Secretary may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section and shall review existing and proposed international, federal, and State greenhouse gas emission reporting programs and make reasonable efforts to promote consistency among the programs established pursuant to this section and other programs, and to streamline reporting requirements on greenhouse gas emission sources. Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, nothing in this section shall limit a State agency from adopting any rule within its authority.*

*(2) The Secretary has authority to adopt rules that create a comprehensive greenhouse gas emission reporting program that covers all sources of emissions, including fuel suppliers. Suppliers of transportation and heating fuels covered by the rules shall comply with requests from the Secretary for information. The Secretary shall adopt a rule that at a minimum includes the types and volume of fossil fuels sold by sector for the*

*transportation, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors and by zip code, municipality, or the smallest geographic level practicable.*

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~~Sec. 2. RULEMAKING~~

~~*On or before July 1, 2027, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall adopt final rules for greenhouse gas reporting as required under 10 V.S.A. § 582(e)(2).*~~

Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

*Contingent upon an appropriation of funds in fiscal year 2027, for this purpose, on or before July 1, 2027, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall adopt final rules for greenhouse gas reporting as required under 10 V.S.A. § 582(e)(2). The duty to create a database for the reporting of data is also contingent upon an appropriation of funds.*

~~Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION AND POSITIONS~~

~~*(a) Funding. In addition to other funds appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources, the sum of \$500,000.00 shall be appropriated from the General Fund as a base appropriation, which will be used to draft the greenhouse gas emission reporting rules, to develop a greenhouse gas emission source database, and to support staff and on-going efforts required to implement emission source data collection.*~~

~~(b) Positions. In fiscal year 2027, the establishment of two new permanent classified Environmental Analyst V positions in the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized.~~

~~Sec. 4~~ Sec. 3. *EFFECTIVE DATE*

*This act shall take effect on passage.*