## Fiscal Considerations - H.134 as Introduced

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Table 1: LUCT Revenue by Fiscal Year

| Fiscal<br>Year | Total LUCT<br>Revenue | Municipalities | General<br>Fund | Education Fund |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 2024           | 2,042,204             | 458,366        | 395,960         | 1,187,879      |
| 2023           | 2,137,514             | 573,065        | 391,112         | 1,173,337      |
| 2022           | 2,145,077             | 539,602        | 401,369         | 1,204,106      |
| 2021           | 1,487,077             | 347,377        | 284,925         | 854,775        |

Source: Vermont Department of Taxes

## Changes to LUCT Valuation Method

**Table 2: LUCT Revenue Per Acre** 

|          |                            | Acres Developed     | LUCT     |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Calendar | LUCT Assessed on Developed | and/or Lien Removal | Revenue  |
| Year     | Acres                      | Requested           | Per Acre |
| 2024     | 1,705,884                  | 2,080               | \$820.14 |
| 2023     | 1,501,211                  | 1,809               | \$829.86 |
| 2022     | 1,725,911                  | 2,013               | \$857.38 |
| 2021     | 1,289,306                  | 1,466               | \$879.47 |
| 2020     | 516,061                    | 889                 | \$580.50 |
| 2019     | 761,257                    | 1,196               | \$636.50 |
| 2018     | 714,088                    | 1,028               | \$694.64 |
| 2017     | 753,392                    | 1502                | \$501.59 |
| 2016     | 432,534                    | 1,487               | \$290.88 |
| 2015     | 398,881                    | 1,483               | \$268.97 |
| 2014     | 418,604                    | 1,826               | \$229.25 |
| 2013     | 575,675                    | 2,350               | \$244.97 |
| 2012     | 528,492                    | 3,005               | \$175.87 |
| 2011     | 539,781                    | 2,865               | \$188.41 |
| 2010     | 528,710                    | 1,807               | \$292.59 |

Source: PVR Annual Reports

- Act 57 of 2025 changed the way land use change tax liability was calculated
- Starting in calendar year 2017 LUCT revenue per acre increased substantially

Table 3: Preliminary Estimate of Changes to LUCT Valuation Method

|                           |                       | 0              |                 |                |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Fiscal Year               | Total LUCT<br>Revenue | Municipalities | General<br>Fund | Education Fund |
| 2024                      | 2,042,204             | 458,366        | 395,960         | 1,187,879      |
| Estimated Revenue<br>Loss | 902,000               | 198,000        | 176,000         | 528,000        |

## LUCT Affordable Housing Exemption

Table 4: Current Use and Designated Areas

| Year              | Parcels | Percent of 2024 Total |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 2024 Total        | 19,692  |                       |
| Statewide         | 17,072  | _                     |
| Within 3 miles of | 14,717  | 74.7                  |
| designated areas  | 14,/1/  | /4./                  |
| Within a 1/2 mile |         |                       |
| of a designated   | 1,683   | 8.5                   |
| area              |         |                       |

Source: Vermont Center for Geographic Information

- Note the table above only considers one of the criteria (proximity to designated areas) that would need to be met for a property to be exempt
- Adding additional criteria, especially the criteria that requires land to be used to develop affordable housing, would further reduce the scope of eligible parcels considerably