

STATE OF VERMONT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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To: Rep. Robin Scheu, Chair House Committee on Appropriations

From: Rep. Kathleen James, Chair House Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure

Chair Scheu:

The House Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure has appointed its liaisons to the House Appropriations Committee. Rep. Scott Campbell will oversee budget matters for digital infrastructure, while Rep. Dara Torre will oversee budget matters for energy.

They have followed the testimony for the FY25 Budget Adjustment Act, and our committee also met to discuss the BAA with Rep. Jim Harrison of Appropriations.

Sec. B105: Agency of Digital Services (768,000)

VISION Internal Service Fund reduction to correct drafting typographical error: We support this correction.

Various sections: Agency of Digital Services: Service Level Agreements

We are aware of increased charges requested in the FY25BAA by the Agency of Digital Services across many state agencies and departments. We support the approval of these charges at midyear, as recommended by the Appropriations Committee. Our committee plans to take extensive testimony during the current legislative biennium as we seek to provide strong and consistent oversight of our state information technology spending and systems.

Sec. B233: Public Service Department: Underground Utility Damage Prevention System

We are aware of the need to correct an unintentional omission by the General Assembly last session when statutory changes were made to Title 30, chapter 86, sections 7006 and 7006a. We agree with the proposed language changes that extend the timeframe for excavators as well as utilities from 48 hours to 72 hours.

Respectfully,

Rep. Kathleen James

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