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H.476

SHORT FORM

Introduced by Rep. O'Brien of Tunbridge

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Economic development; forestry operations; mechanized logging and
trucking; training

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, in consultation with the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and the Vermont State Colleges, to establish a Mechanized Logging and Trucking Training Program (Training Program) to train Vermonters in how to operate and maintain mechanized logging equipment. The Training Program also would be structured to allow participants to obtain a commercial driver's license. The bill would require the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to seek funding for the Training Program from the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. Upon receipt of funding, the Training Program would be established at one or more of the Vermont State Colleges. Participation in the Training Program would be free of charge or at a reduced tuition depending on available federal funding.

