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## WEEKLY REPORT

8:45 AM, January 17, 2025, Room 35

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs

### I. Bill(s) in Committee:

- Bill S.6 – An act relating to repealing the Commissioner of Labor’s authority to recommend a subminimum wage for individuals with a disability
- Read 1st time and referred to committee 1/10/2025
- Sponsors: Sen. Alison Clarkson, Sen. Joseph Major, Sen. Rebecca White

### II. Top Priorities:

- Housing
  - Sen. Clarkson: Proposing another dedicated source of funding
  - Sen. Weeks: VHIP
  - Permit appeals
- Property taxes
- Landlord-tenant work – begins next week
- Workforce development
  - Sen. Clarkson: Planning bill to finalize statutes of oversight committee of workforce expansion w/Office of Workforce Strategy & Development
- Data privacy

- Sen. Clarkson: Bill on kids aspect of consumer protection & data privacy
- Sen. Hinsdale: Against bill including HIPAA private right of action
- Immigration
  - Sen. Weeks: H2B visas
- Film
  - Sen. Brock: Increasing incentives for filmmakers to produce in Vermont

### III. Introductions and Key Points:

- Attorney General's Office
- Joint Fiscal Office
  - Sen. Hinsdale: Emphasized gap between ability to rent with roommates and own a single family home and role in the demographic crisis
    - Basic Needs Budget doesn't reflect the housing situation
    - Sen. Clarkson disagreed
- Vermont Chamber of Commerce
  - Housing & workforce problem
    - Sen. Hinsdale: Massachusetts law allows continuance of building projects while in court for appeals – general agreement to look into it
    - Pushed back on proposal for relocation branding toolkit for VT
- Department of Labor
  - Bill upcoming with the Office of Workforce Strategy & Development
- Vermont Board of Liquor and Lottery
  - Bill to permit online lottery