

29 V.S.A. § 152 – Duties of Commissioner:

- H.50 amends 29 V.S.A. § 152 to read;
 - (3) On or before January 15 of each new legislative biennium, study and submit to the General Assembly a report that examines whether any of the State's real property, including underutilized lots in population centers, is suitable for conversion into affordable housing.



Current Laws in Statute:

29 V.S.A. § 165 – Space allocation, inventory, and use; leasing property; Commissioner's preapproval required;

- (b) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall implement all reasonable and necessary measures to utilize all available space in all State buildings or structures before any improved property not owned by the State is leased to accommodate space needs of an agency.
- (e) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall maintain an inventory of all State-owned buildings and shall biannually compile and update the information received under subsection (g)...

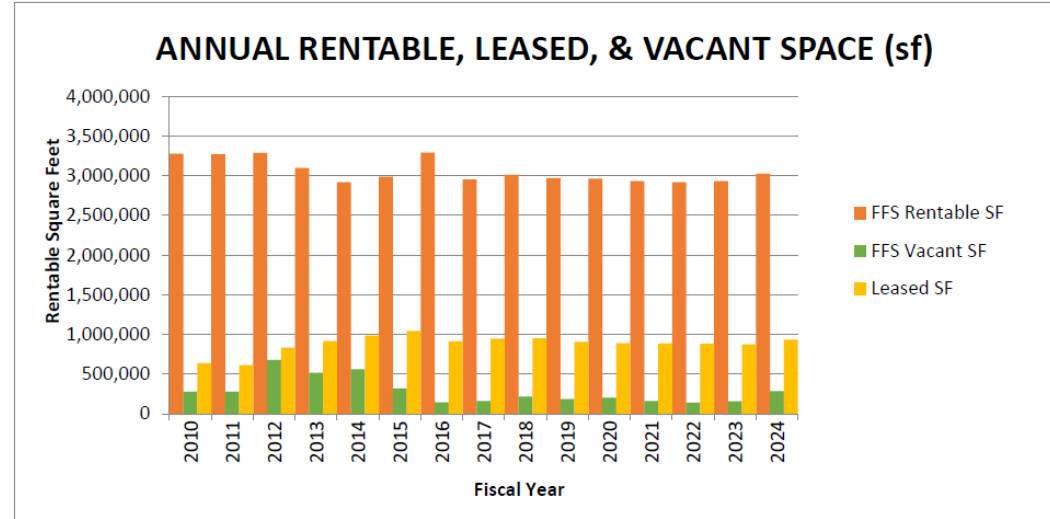
BGS Space Book

29 V.S.A. § 165;

- (g) The head of each agency shall prepare and forward to the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services when requested by the Commissioner in a format prescribed by the Commissioner an inventory of: square footage available for use; square footage in actual use; square footage not in use; square footage used for storage; square footage that is unfinished; cost per square foot for rent; cost per square foot for operation and maintenance; and the source of funds for rent, operation, and maintenance, including the act and section numbers of a legislative directive if applicable.
- The Space Book is compiled annually and contains information on lands, tower leases, and buildings owned and leased by BGS. It breaks down State owned and leased space by town and by agency.

OVERVIEW

STATE OWNED	234 buildings	4,158,005 sf – gross (26% un-useable)
		3,062,984 sf – rentable space
		263,756 sf – vacant (8.6% of rentable)
LEASED SPACE.....	94 leases	933,048 sf – rentable space
TOWER LEASES.....	50 leases	
LAND	1,731.48 acres	



Vermont's Most Populus Municipalities

	Municipality	Population
1	Burlington City	44,528
2	South Burlington City	21,043
3	Colchester Town	17,588
4	Rutland City	15,630
5	Bennington Town	15,200
6	Brattleboro Town	12,110
7	Essex Town	11,462
8	Essex Junction City	10,817
9	Hartford Town	10,743
10	Milton Town	10,735

	Municipality	Population
11	Williston Town	10,092
12	Middlebury Town	9,169
13	Springfield Town	9,069
14	Barre City	8,387
15	Winooski City	8,251
16	Barre Town	8,037
17	Montpelier City	7,991
18	Shelburne Town	7,922
19	St. Johnsbury Town	7,403
20	St. Albans Town	7,125

**Based on 2020 Census*

Current Laws in Statute:

29 V.S.A. § 166 – Selling or renting State property;

- (b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned by the State. The property shall be sold to the highest bidder at public auction or upon sealed bids at the discretion of the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, who may reject any or all bids, or the Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent licensed by the State. In no event shall the property be sold for less than fair market value as determined by the Commissioner in consultation with an independent real estate broker or appraiser, or both, retained by the Commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly.