

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure to which was referred
3 House Bill No. 125 entitled “An act relating to reporting on the energy
4 transition” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and
6 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 8012 is added to read:

8 § 8012. ENERGY TRANSITION ECONOMIC IMPACTS REPORT

9 (a) On or before December 15, 2025 and annually thereafter, the Secretary
10 of Natural Resources, in consultation with the relevant State agencies,
11 including the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, the Department of
12 Public Service, the Agency of Transportation, the Department of Labor, the
13 Agency of Commerce and Community Development, and the Department of
14 Taxes, shall publish a report that highlights existing data sources and indicators
15 relevant to the impacts of the changing energy landscape on Vermonters and
16 relevant to understanding the distribution of benefits and burdens by region.

17 (b) The initial report shall provide data for the previous five years.
18 Subsequent annual reports shall add data from the prior year. The report shall
19 include:

20 (1) current and forecasted electric rates and the number of customers
21 with electric vehicle rates;

1 (2) the total megawatts of distributed solar generation facilities,
2 including the amount installed, by county and any active certificate of public
3 good applications;

4 (3) the number of sellers and volume of heating fuel sales;

5 (4) the number of homes receiving incentivized weatherization services,
6 by income quintile and county;

7 (5) firms and workers in thermal and renewable energy sector trades;

8 (6) gasoline and diesel transportation fuel sales;

9 (7) the number and location of retail gasoline and diesel outlets as
10 indicated by metered pumps;

11 (8) progress in electric vehicle supply equipment installation, both fast
12 charging and Level 2, to meet recommendations in the Comprehensive Energy
13 Plan and Climate Action Plan and their locations;

14 (9) vehicle registrations by fuel type for light, medium, and heavy-duty
15 vehicles; and

16 (10) fossil fuel and electricity consumption per unit of economic output.

17 (c) The report shall also include:

18 (1) maps and graphic displays of the data compiled;

19 (2) an analysis of the data and recommendations of any additional data
20 necessary to illustrate the impacts of the changing energy landscape by region;

1 (3) an identification of existing reports and requirements that may
2 support the reporting of relevant indicators;

3 (4) consideration of equity and just transition indicators, with the goal of
4 better understanding the benefits and burdens of the changing energy
5 landscape **by region**; and

6 (5) any recommendations for future reporting requirements.

7 (d) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) shall not apply to this report.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on passage.

14 (Committee vote: _____)

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16 Representative _____

17 FOR THE COMMITTEE