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- ANR has relevant datasets to this work, which we would be happy to contribute. For instance, ANR possess records on underground storage tanks and permit transfers.
- Factors beyond energy transition may drive business decisions that result in fewer fuelrelated businesses in specific regions.
- Fossil fuel elements drive traffic to our general stores, and so a reduction in these sales could impact the viability of these businesses.
- ANR could recommend to the committee a set of "leading indicators" to track. The draft bill seems to focus on lagging indicators, and it is hard to envision how they would be used to make real-time adjustments to mitigate the impacts felt by Vermonters.
 - ANR suggests building on the ideas reflected in H.125 to make findings actionable, rather than just reflected.

