

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure to which was referred  
3 House Bill No. 740 entitled “An act relating to the greenhouse gas inventory  
4 and registry” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting  
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 582 is amended to read:

8 § 582. GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES; REGISTRY

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10 (e) Rules.

11 (1) The Secretary may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this  
12 section and shall review existing and proposed international, federal, and State  
13 greenhouse gas emission reporting programs and make reasonable efforts to  
14 promote consistency among the programs established pursuant to this section  
15 and other programs, and to streamline reporting requirements on greenhouse  
16 gas emission sources. Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section,  
17 nothing in this section shall limit a State agency from adopting any rule within  
18 its authority.

19 (2) The Secretary **has authority to** adopt rules that create a  
20 comprehensive greenhouse gas emission reporting program that covers all  
21 sources of emissions, including fuel suppliers. Suppliers of transportation and

1 heating fuels covered by the rules shall comply with requests from the  
2 Secretary for information. The Secretary shall adopt a rule that at a minimum  
3 includes the types and volume of fossil fuels sold by sector for the  
4 transportation, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors and by zip code,  
5 municipality, or the smallest geographic level practicable.

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7 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

8 On or before July 1, 2027, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall adopt  
9 final rules for greenhouse gas reporting as required under 10 V.S.A.  
10 § 582(e)(2).

11 Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION AND POSITIONS

12 (a) Funding. In fiscal year 2027, the sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated  
13 from the General Fund to the Secretary of Natural Resources to be used to  
14 draft the greenhouse gas emission reporting rules, to develop a greenhouse gas  
15 emission source database, and to fund staff time on emission source data  
16 collection. Thereafter, funding for the database shall be included in the  
17 Agency of Natural Resources' base budget.

18 (b) Positions. In fiscal year 2027, the establishment of two new permanent  
19 classified Environmental Analyst V positions in the Agency of Natural  
20 Resources is authorized.

1       Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

2           This act shall take effect on passage.

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6           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE