

H.740

Introduced by Representative James of Manchester

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; air pollution; greenhouse gases;  
greenhouse gas inventory and registry

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to give the  
Agency of Natural Resources additional authority to collect data for the  
greenhouse gas inventory and registry.

An act relating to the greenhouse gas inventory and registry

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

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

§ 582. GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES; REGISTRY

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(e) Rules.

(1) The Secretary may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this  
section and shall review existing and proposed international, federal, and State  
greenhouse gas emission reporting programs and make reasonable efforts to  
promote consistency among the programs established pursuant to this section  
and other programs, and to streamline reporting requirements on greenhouse

1 gas emission sources. Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section,  
2 nothing in this section shall limit a State agency from adopting any rule within  
3 its authority.

4 (2) The Secretary shall adopt rules that create a comprehensive  
5 greenhouse gas emission reporting program that covers all sources of  
6 emissions, including fuel suppliers. Suppliers of transportation and heating  
7 fuels covered by the rules shall comply with requests from the Secretary for  
8 information. The information collected shall at a minimum include the types  
9 and volume of fuels sold, by sector for the transportation, residential,  
10 commercial, and industrial sectors, by county.

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12 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

13 On or before March 1, 2027, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall  
14 submit to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules proposed final  
15 rules for greenhouse gas reporting as required under 10 V.S.A. § 582(e)(2).

16 Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION

17 In fiscal year 2027, the sum of \$800,000.00 is appropriated from the  
18 General Fund to the Secretary of Natural Resources to be used to draft the  
19 greenhouse gas emission reporting rules, to develop a greenhouse gas emission  
20 source database, and to fund staff time on emission source data collection.

- 1      Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2      This act shall take effect on passage.