

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 addition to other funds appropriated to the Agency of
13 Natural Resources, the sum of \$500,000.00 shall be appropriated from the
14 General Fund as a base appropriation, which will be used to draft the
15 greenhouse gas emission reporting rules, to develop a greenhouse gas emission
16 source database, and to support staff and on-going efforts required to
17 implement emission source data collection.

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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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE