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An act relating to the greenhouse gas inventory and registry
Section by Section Summary
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Sec. 1 amends 10 V.S.A. § 582, the statute establishing The Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Registry. Specifically, it amends subsection (e), the rulemaking authority. It adds a new language giving the Secretary of ANR the specific authority to create a comprehensive greenhouse gas emission reporting program that covers all sources of emissions, including fuel suppliers. Suppliers of transportation and heating fuels covered by the rules must with requests from the Secretary for information. The rule shall include at a minimum the types and volume of fossil fuels sold by sector for the transportation, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors and by zip code, municipality, or the smallest geographic level practicable.

Sec. 2 is a session law rulemaking section. It directs the Secretary of ANR to adopt final rules for greenhouse gas reporting program as required under Sec. 1 by July 1, 2027.

Sec. 3 is a session law section on the appropriation and employee positions. First, \$500,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund as a base appropriation, which will be used to draft the greenhouse gas emission reporting rules, to develop a greenhouse gas emission source database, and to support staff and on-going efforts required to implement emission source data collection.

Next, subsection (b) creates two new permanent classified Environmental Analyst V positions in the Agency of Natural Resources to work on the reporting program.

Sec. 4 is the effective date which is on passage.