

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No.
3 479 entitled “An act relating to housing” respectfully reports that it has
4 considered the same and recommends to substitute an amendment for the
5 report of the Committee on Ways and Means to amend the bill as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 4, universal design study committee, by striking out
7 subsection (h) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (h)
8 to read as follows:

9 (h) Intent to appropriate. Notwithstanding subsection (g) of this section,
10 per diems for the cost of attending meetings shall only be available in the event
11 an appropriation is made in fiscal year 2026 from the General Fund to the
12 Department of Housing and Community Development for that purpose.

13 Second: By striking out Sec. 6, 32 V.S.A. § 5930u, and its reader assistance
14 heading in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 6 to read as
15 follows:

16 Sec. 6. [Deleted.]

17 Third: By striking out Sec. 16, 24 V.S.A. § 1539, and its reader assistance
18 heading in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 16 to read as
19 follows:

20 Sec. 16. [Deleted.]

1 Fourth: In Sec. 19, VHFA off-site construction report, in subsection (a), by
2 striking out the following: “The sum of \$250,000.00 is appropriated from the
3 General Fund in fiscal year 2026 to the Department of Housing and
4 Community Development granted to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency to
5 further develop recommendations from the 2025 “Opportunities to Utilize Off-
6 Site Construction to Meet Vermont’s Housing, Workforce and Climate Goals”
7 report.”

8 Fifth: By adding a new section to be Sec. 19a to read as follows:

9 Sec. 19a. VHFA OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION REPORT;

10 IMPLEMENTATION

11 The duty to implement Sec. 19 of this act is contingent upon an
12 appropriation of funds in fiscal year 2026 from the General Fund to the
13 Department of Housing and Community Development for a grant to the
14 Vermont Housing Finance Agency for the development and issuance of the
15 report required in that section.

16 Sixth: By striking out Secs. 20, DHCD positions, and 21, appropriations,
17 and their corresponding reader assistance heading in their entireties and by
18 renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

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1 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE