1	TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:
2	The Committee on Institutions to which was referred House Bill No. 494
3	entitled "An act relating to capital construction and State bonding" respectfully
4	reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate
5	propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:
6	First: In Sec. 1, legislative intent, by striking out subsection (a) in its
7	entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:
8	(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$111,965,288.44
9	authorized in this act, not more than \$62,314,761.44 shall be appropriated in
10	the first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the
11	second year.
12	Second: By striking out Sec. 2, State buildings, in its entirety and inserting
13	in lieu thereof a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:
14	Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS
15	(a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings
16	and General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds
17	appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however,
18	no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on
19	Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are
20	notified before that action is taken.

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026:

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1	(1) Statewide, major maintenance: \$7,138,401.00
2	(2) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: \$1,500,000.00
3	(3) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program: \$75,000.00
4	(4) Rutland, Asa Bloomer Building roof repair and sewage system
5	<u>upgrades:</u> \$1,500,000.00
6	(5) Rutland, multimodal garage renovation: \$600,000.00
7	(6) Middlesex, Print and Postal uninterruptable power supply upgrade:
8	<u>\$58,279.44</u>
9	(7) Waterbury, State Office Complex historic core roof replacement:
10	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
11	(8) Burlington, 32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs: \$1,500,000.00
12	(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027:
13	(1) Statewide, major maintenance: \$8,500,000.00
14	(2) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency: \$250,000.00
15	(3) Statewide, physical security enhancements: \$250,000.00
16	(4) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: \$850,000.00
17	(5) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program: \$75,000.00
18	(6) Montpelier, State House replacement of historic interior finishes:
19	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
20	(7) Montpelier, 120 State Street HVAC – steam lines interior
21	renovation: \$2,000,000.00

1	(8) Middlesex, Vermont State Archives roof replacement, main	
2	building:	\$1,000,000.00
3	(9) Waterbury, State Office Complex historic core roo	of replacement:
4		\$2,000,000.00
5	(10) Burlington, 32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs:	_
6		\$ <mark>250,000.00</mark>
7	Appropriation – FY 2026	\$14,371,680.44
8	Appropriation – FY 2027	\$ <u>15,225,000.00</u>
9	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 2</u>	\$ <mark>29,596,680.44</mark>
10	Third: By striking out Sec. 4, commerce and community	development, in
11	its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 to read	as follows:
12	Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPME	NT
13	(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 to the	ne Agency of
14	Commerce and Community Development for the following	projects:
15	(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:	\$550,000.00
16	(2) Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves:	\$46,000.00
17	(3) Roadside historic site markers:	\$25,000.00
18	(4) Bennington, Battle Monument, maintenance of sat	fety fencing,
19	restoration, planning, and design:	\$ <mark>425,000.00</mark>
20	(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the	he Agency of
21	Commerce and Community Development for the following	projects:

1	(1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites:	\$550,000.00	
2	(2) Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves:	\$46,000.00	
3	(3) Roadside historic site markers:	\$25,000.00	
4	Appropriation – FY 2026	\$ <mark>1,046,000.00</mark>	
5	Appropriation – FY 2027	\$621,000.00	
6	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 4</u>	\$ <u>1,667,000.00</u>	
7	Fourth: By striking out Sec. 5, grant programs, in its entire	rety and inserting	
8	in lieu thereof a new Sec. 5 to read as follows:		
9	Sec. 5. GRANT PROGRAMS		
10	(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 for the Building		
11	Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:	Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:	
12	(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Dev	elopment,	
13	Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation	ion Grant	
14	Program:	\$ <mark>250,000.00</mark>	
15	(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Dev	elopment,	
16	Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Pre	servation Grant	
17	Program:	\$ <mark>250,000.00</mark>	
18	(3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultur	al Facilities Grant	
19	Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that	may be made	
20	available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provide	ed that all capital	

1	funds are made available to the Cultural Facilities Grant Program:		
2		\$ <u>250,000.00</u>	
3	(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services	for the	
4	Recreational Facilities Grant Program:	\$ <u>250,000.00</u>	
5	(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services	for the Human	
6	Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program:	\$ <u>250,000.00</u>	
7	(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services	for the	
8	Regional Economic Development Grant Program:	\$ <mark>250,000.00</mark>	
9	(7) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the	ne Agricultural	
10	Fairs and Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grant Progran	<u>n:</u>	
11		\$300,000.00	
12	(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 for the I	Building	
13	Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:		
14	(1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Develop	oment,	
15	Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation	<u>Grant</u>	
16	Program:	\$300,000.00	
17	(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Develop	oment,	
18	Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preserv	ation Grant	
19	Program:	\$300,000.00	
20	(3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Fa	acilities Grant	
21	Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may	be made	

1	available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital	
2	funds are made available to the Cultural Facilities Grant Program	<u>m:</u>
3		\$300,000.00
4	(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services	for the
5	Recreational Facilities Grant Program:	\$300,000.00
6	(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services	for the Human
7	Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
8	(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services	for the
9	Regional Economic Development Grant Program:	\$300,000.00
10	(7) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for	the Agricultural
11	Fairs and Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grant Progra	<u>m:</u>
12		\$300,000.00
13	(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the sums app	propriated in
14	subdivisions (a)(5) and (b)(5) of this section be equally allocate	d between
15	grants for human services and grants for educational facilities.	
16	Appropriation – FY 2026	\$ <mark>1,800,000.00</mark>
17	Appropriation – FY 2027	\$2,100,000.00
18	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 5</u>	\$ <mark>3,900,000.00</mark>
19	Fifth: By striking out Sec. 14, judiciary, in its entirety and ir	serting in lieu
20	thereof a new Sec. 14 to read as follows:	

1	Sec. 14. JUDICIARY	
2	(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 to the Judiciary for the	<u> </u>
3	following projects:	
4	(1) Woodstock Courthouse, purchase and installation of backup power	
5	<u>system:</u> <u>\$100,000.00</u>	
6	(2) Essex County Courthouse, connector and security upgrades:	
7	<u>\$3,685,910.00</u>	
8	(3) Lamoille County Courthouse, purchase and installation of backup	
9	power system: \$190,000.00	
10	(b) The sum of \$1,100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2026 to the	
11	Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for	
12	renovations at the Windsor County Courthouse in White River Junction.	
13	<u>Appropriation – FY 2026</u> \$5,075,910.00	
14	Total Appropriation – Section 14 \$5,075,910.00	
15	Sixth: In Sec. 19, FY 2026 and 2027; capital projects; FY 2026	
16	appropriations act; intent; authorizations, by striking out subsection (c) and	
17	inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:	
18	(c) Authorizations; Capital Infrastructure subaccount. In FY 2026,	
19	spending authority for the following capital projects from the Capital	
20	Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential	
21	Investments are authorized as follows:	

1	(1) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for statewide		
2	major maintenance:	\$861,599.00	
3	(2) to the Department of Buildings and General Services	for statewide	
4	planning, reuse, and contingency:	\$250,000.00	
5	(3) to the Department of Buildings and General Services	for statewide	
6	physical security enhancements:	\$250,000.00	
7	(4) to the Department of Buildings and General Services	for State House	
8	repointing:	\$219,500.00	
9	(5) to the Department of Buildings and General Services	for an	
10	uninterruptable power supply system for the Middlesex print ar	nd postal	
11	facility:	\$250,000.00	
12	(6) to the Department of Buildings and General Services	for the	
13	Judiciary for renovations at the Windsor County Courthouse in	White River	
14	Junction:	\$ <mark>6,900,000.00</mark>	
15	(7) to the Vermont Veterans' Home for the design and co	onstruction of	
16	the American unit:	\$1,500,000.00	
17	(8) to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for t	he Bennington	
18	Veterans Incubator Farm at the Vermont Veterans' Home:	\$45,000.00	
19	(9) to the Department of Housing and Community Devel	opment for	
20	Bennington, high school redevelopment housing infrastructure:	\$1,100,000.00	

1	(10) to the Department of Housing and Community Development for		
2	Barre, Prospect Heights housing infrastructure: \$1,000,000.00		
3	(11) to the Department of Housing and Community Development for		
4	Brattleboro, Winston Prouty Center housing infrastructure: \$1,000,000.00		
5	(12) to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a		
6	grant to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission to support a site		
7	study focused on economic development, parking, housing, and flood		
8	mitigation for the 1.6-acre parcel at 87 State Street and parcels at 89 State		
9	Street and 42 Court Street: \$100,000.00		
10	(13) to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a		
11	grant for the purchase of a building in St. Albans for a recovery residence:		
12	\$250,000.00		
13	(14) to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the purchase		
14	of a fire apparatus: \$275,000.00		
15	(15) to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Lake Champlain		
16	Walleye Association, Inc. to upgrade and repair the Walleye rearing,		
17	restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00		
18	(16) to the Department of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire		
19	Protection Task Force for the dry hydrant program: \$35,000.00		
20	Seventh: By adding a new section to be Sec. 22a to read as follows:		

1	Sec. 22a. CASH FUND; JOINT FISCAL OFFICE; REPORT
2	On or before December 15, 2025, the Joint Fiscal Office shall submit a
3	report to the Senate Committee on Institutions and the House Committee on
4	Corrections and Institutions on considerations for use of the Cash Fund for
5	Capital and Essential Investments under 32 V.S.A. § 1001b that:
6	(1) provides the historical context, including the economic rationale, for
7	the Cash Fund;
8	(2) distinguishes between the intended uses of the Capital Infrastructure
9	subaccount and the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves
10	subaccount;
11	(3) describes, for each year since the Cash Fund's inception:
12	(A) the sources of funds; and
13	(B) the annual expenditures from the Capital Infrastructure
14	subaccount; and
15	(4) outlines the current legislative process by which appropriations are
16	made from the Cash Fund.
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2	(Committee vote:)		
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4		Senator	

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