

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Institutions to which was referred House Bill No. 952
3 entitled “An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget
4 adjustment” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 2, 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 2, in its
8 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 2. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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

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14 (2) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: ~~\$1,500,000.00~~
15 \$1,100,000.00

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17 (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027:

18 (1) Statewide, major maintenance: ~~\$8,500,000.00~~ \$8,538,413.18

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20 (4) ~~Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: \$1,100,000.00~~

21 [Repealed.]

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2 (7) Montpelier, State House replacement of ~~historic~~ interior finishes:
3 \$50,000.00

4 (8) Montpelier, 120 State Street HVAC – steam lines interior
5 renovation: ~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$1,000,000.00

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7 (12) Montpelier, State House entryway upgrades, design documents,
8 including comprehensive parking plan and delivery truck access, and second-
9 floor fire escape design: \$1,325,000.00

10	Appropriation – FY 2026	\$13,726,680.44	<u>\$13,326,680.44</u>
11	Appropriation – FY 2027	\$15,925,000.00	<u>\$15,188,413.18</u>
12	Total Appropriation – Section 2	\$28,951,680.44	<u>\$28,515,093.62</u>

13 Second: By striking out Sec. 3, 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 3, in
14 its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 3. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

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18 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Department of
19 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the
20 following projects:

1	(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,	
2	Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant	
3	Program:	\$300,000.00 <u>\$400,000.00</u>
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5	Appropriation – FY 2027	\$2,100,000.00 <u>\$2,300,000.00</u>
6	Total Appropriation – Section 5	\$4,200,000.00 <u>\$4,400,000.00</u>

7 Fourth: By adding a new section to be Sec. 5a to read as follows:

8 Sec. 5a. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 9 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES

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11 (g) The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of
12 Natural Resources for technical support to municipalities to design and
13 implement stormwater utilities.

14	Appropriation – FY 2026	\$5,805,000.00
15	Appropriation – FY 2027	\$5,319,360.00 <u>\$5,419,360.00</u>
16	Total Appropriation – Section 9	\$11,124,360.00 <u>\$11,224,360.00</u>

17 Fifth: By striking out Sec. 9, 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 19, in its
18 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 9 to read as follows:

1 Sixth: In Sec. 13, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation; Little River
2 State Park lease, following “Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166, in fiscal year
3 2027, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation is authorized to” by
4 striking out the words “enter into” and inserting in lieu thereof the word
5 “negotiate”

6 Seventh: By adding a new section to be Sec. 14a to read as follows:
7 Sec. 14a. REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO SELL 110 STATE STREET
8 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 22(a) (authority for BGS to sell 110
9 State Street, Montpelier) is repealed.

10 Eighth: By striking out Sec. 18, effective date, and its reader assistance
11 heading in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof two new reader
12 assistance headings and three new sections to be Secs. 18–20 to read as
13 follows:

14 * * * Stormwater Utilities * * *

15 Sec. 18. 24 V.S.A. § 4414(9) is amended to read:

16 (9) Stormwater management and control. Any municipality may adopt
17 bylaws to implement stormwater management and control consistent with the
18 program developed by the Secretary of Natural Resources pursuant to 10
19 V.S.A. § 1264. The creation of a regional stormwater utility under statute or
20 rules of the Agency of Natural Resources shall not prevent a municipality from
21 regulating stormwater under this subdivision, including adoption by the

1 municipality of a bylaw establishing a municipal stormwater utility.

2 Municipalities shall not charge an impervious surface fee or other stormwater
3 fee under this subdivision or under other provisions of this title on property
4 regulated under the Required Agricultural Practices for discharges of
5 agricultural waste or agricultural nonpoint source pollution.

6 Sec. 19. 24 V.S.A. § 3626 is added to read:

7 § 3626. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE AND OPERATE
8 STORMWATER UTILITY

9 The creation of a regional stormwater utility under statute or rules of the
10 Agency of Natural Resources shall not prevent a municipality from regulating
11 stormwater under this chapter, including adoption by the municipality of a
12 bylaw authorizing the operation of a municipal stormwater utility that
13 establishes an assessment on an equivalent residential unit or impervious
14 surface.

15 * * * Effective Date * * *

16 Sec. 20. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.

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1 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE