

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. 1, 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 1, in its
8 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 1. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 1 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

11 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the ~~\$111,965,288.44~~
12 \$123,564,624.67 authorized in Secs. 2–16 this act, not more than
13 ~~\$61,969,761.44~~ \$61,569,761.44 shall be appropriated in the first year of the
14 biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.

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

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

19 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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

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3 (2) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: ~~\$1,500,000.00~~
4 \$1,100,000.00

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

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

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9 (4) ~~Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: \$1,100,000.00~~
10 [Repealed.]

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12 (7) Montpelier, State House replacement of ~~historic~~ interior finishes:
13 \$50,000.00

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

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

20 Appropriation – FY 2026 \$13,726,680.44 \$13,326,680.44

21 Appropriation – FY 2027 \$15,925,000.00 \$15,188,413.18

1 Total Appropriation – Section 2 \$28,951,680.44 \$28,515,093.62

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

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

5 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

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

10 (1) Statewide, planning, design, and construction for HVAC system
11 upgrades at correctional facilities: \$1,000,000.00 \$9,426,254.21

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13 (5) Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility (NSCF) sprinkler
14 system upgrades: \$500,000.00 [Repealed.]

15 (6) Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility (NSCF) boiler
16 replacement: \$700,000.00

17 (7) Recovery House, Inc., residential treatment center, renovations:
18 \$220,000.00

19 (8) maintenance and renovations at the Chittenden Regional
20 Correctional Facility or other facilities serving the incarcerated women's
21 population: \$598,850.00

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2	Appropriation – FY 2027	\$4,800,000.00	\$14,245,104.21
3	Total Appropriation – Section 3	\$13,025,000.00	\$22,470,104.21

4 Fourth: By adding a new section to be Sec. 4a to read as follows:

5 Sec. 4a. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 5 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 5. GRANT PROGRAMS

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8 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 for the Building

9 Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

10 (1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,

11 Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant

12 Program: \$300,000.00 \$400,000.00

13 (2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,

14 Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant

15 Program: \$300,000.00 \$400,000.00

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17 Appropriation – FY 2027 \$2,100,000.00 \$2,300,000.00

18 Total Appropriation – Section 5 \$4,200,000.00 \$4,400,000.00

19 Fifth: By adding a new section to be Sec. 5a to read as follows:

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

2 Sec. 9. NATURAL RESOURCES

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

7 Appropriation – FY 2026 \$5,805,000.00

8 Appropriation – FY 2027 \$5,319,360.00 \$5,419,360.00

9 Total Appropriation – Section 9 \$11,124,360.00 \$11,224,360.00

10 Sixth: By striking out Sec. 8, 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 17, and
11 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 8 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 8. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 17 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 17. REALLOCATION AND REVERSION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER
14 OF FUNDS

15 (a) The following sums ~~are reallocated~~ appropriated to the Department of
16 Buildings and General Services from prior capital appropriations are
17 reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act:

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19 (12) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
20 Sec. 13(b)(2), as added by 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 10 (CJTC
21 East Cottage): \$43,190.08

1 (h) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure
2 subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the
3 Vermont Veterans’ Home in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.
4 B.1103(a)(7) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(d)(7)
5 (design for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units), \$1,500,000.00
6 is ~~reallocated~~ reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this
7 act.

8 (i) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount
9 of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the Department of
10 Buildings and General Services in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.
11 B.1103(a)(9) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.
12 18(d)(10) (111 State Street; renovation of the stack area), \$200,000.00 is
13 ~~reallocated~~ reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this act.

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15 (n) Of the amount appropriated to the Vermont Veterans’ Home in 2023
16 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15(b)(2) (elevator upgrade), \$500,000.00 is
17 reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 6 of this act.

18 (o) Of the amount appropriated to the Enhanced 911 Board in 2017 Acts
19 and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 6(b)(9), as added by 2018 Acts and Resolves No.
20 190, Sec. 5 (Enhanced 911 Compliance Grants Program), \$63,413.15 is
21 reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act.

1 (6) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.
2 18(c)(13) (planning and design of the Rutland Field Station): \$250,000.00

3 (7) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.
4 18(c)(15) (EV charging stations): \$995,040.00

5 (r) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount
6 of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the Department of
7 Buildings and General Services in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.
8 B.1103(a)(3) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.
9 18(d)(3), as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. 11 (120 State
10 Street renovation), \$1,500,000.00 is reverted to defray expenditures
11 authorized in Sec. 19 of this act.

12	Bonded Dollars	\$5,074,938.48	<u>\$9,816,118.67</u>
13	Cash	\$1,700,000.00	<u>\$7,136,711.70</u>
14	Total Reallocations, <u>Reversions</u> , and Transfers – Section 17	\$6,774,938.48	
15			<u>\$16,083,980.37</u>

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

1 Sec. 9. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 19 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 19. FY 2026 AND 2027; CAPITAL PROJECTS; FY 2026 AND FY
3 2027 APPROPRIATIONS ACT ACTS; INTENT;
4 AUTHORIZATIONS

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6 (b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain
7 capital projects eligible for funding by 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in this act but
8 appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2026 and FY 2027
9 Appropriations ~~Act~~ Acts. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the
10 FY 2026 and FY 2027 Appropriations ~~Act~~ appropriate Acts transfer funds to
11 the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b for projects in FY 2026 and FY
12 2027.

13 (c) Authorizations; Capital Infrastructure subaccount. In FY 2026,
14 spending authority for the following capital projects from the Capital
15 Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential
16 Investments are authorized as follows:

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18 (7) to the Vermont Veterans' Home for the design and construction of
19 the American unit and sprinkler system installation: \$1,500,000.00

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

6 Ninth: 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 Tenth: 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