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2 Senators Westman, Brennan, Harrison, Perchlik and White move that the
3 report of the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy be amended by
4 inserting Secs. 1a and 2a to read as follows:

5 Sec. 1a. ANR REPORT ON MANAGEMENT OF SALT AND SAND
6 STORAGE FACILITIES

7 On or before January 15, 2026, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall
8 submit to the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and on
9 Transportation and the House Committees on Environment and on
10 Transportation a report regarding the management of State-, municipal-, and
11 privately owned facilities for the storage of salt, salt and sand mixtures, and
12 sand that is not mixed with salt. The report shall include:

13 (1) an inventory of facilities in the State used for the storage of salt, salt
14 and sand mixtures, or sand that is not mixed with salt;

15 (2) an estimated number of facilities that are currently covered;

16 (3) an estimate of the number of facilities that are not covered and are
17 within 100 yards of surface water or drinking water source;

18 (4) an estimate of the number of facilities that are not covered and are
19 more than 100 yards from a surface water or drinking water source; and

20 (5) an estimate of the total cost to cover or move facilities for the
21 storage of salt, salt and sand mixtures, or sand that is not mixed with salt

1 including a proposed annual amount of funding that would be required to meet
2 the timelines for cover or management in 10 V.S.A. § 1354.

3 Sec. 2a. 10 V.S.A. § 1389(e) is amended to read:

4 (e) Priorities. In making recommendations under subsection (d) of this
5 section regarding the appropriate allocation of funds from the Clean Water
6 Fund, the Board shall prioritize as follows:

7 (1) As a first priority, make recommendations regarding funding for the
8 following grants and programs, which shall each be given equal priority:

9 (A) grants to clean water service providers to fund the reasonable
10 costs associated with the inspection, verification, operation, and maintenance
11 of clean water projects in a basin;

12 (B) the Water Quality Restoration Formula Grant under section 925
13 of this title;

14 (C) the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets' agricultural water
15 quality programs; and

16 (D) the Water Quality Enhancement Grants under section 926 of this
17 title at a funding level of at least 20 percent of the annual balance of the Clean
18 Water Fund, provided that the maximum amount recommended under this
19 subdivision (D) in any year shall not exceed \$5,000,000.00; and

1 (E) funding to partners for basin planning, basin water quality
2 council participation, education, and outreach as provided in subdivision
3 1253(d)(3) of this title, provided funding shall be at least \$500,000.00.

4 (2) As the next priority after reviewing funding requests for programs
5 identified under subdivision (1) of this subsection:

6 (A) funding to programs or projects that address or repair riparian
7 conditions that increase the risk of flooding or pose a threat to life or property;

8 (B) funding for education and outreach regarding the implementation
9 of water quality requirements, including funding for education, outreach,
10 demonstration, and access to tools for the implementation of the Acceptable
11 Management Practices for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs in
12 Vermont, as adopted by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation;

13 (C) funding for the Municipal Stormwater Implementation Grant as
14 provided in section 928 of this title;

15 (D) funding for grants to municipalities for compliance with the
16 requirements in section 1354 of this title to cover the storage of salt, salt and
17 sand mixtures, and sand, provided that funding shall be at least \$1,000,000.00;

18 (E) funding for innovative or alternative technologies or practices
19 designed to improve water quality or reduce sources of pollution to surface
20 waters, including funding for innovative nutrient removal technologies and

1 community-based methane digesters that utilize manure, wastewater, and food
2 residuals to produce energy; and

3 ~~(E)~~(F) funding to purchase agricultural land in order to take that land
4 out of practice when the State water quality requirements cannot be remediated
5 through agricultural Best Management Practices.

6 (3) As the next priority after reviewing funding requests under
7 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, funding for the Developed Lands
8 Implementation Grant Program as provided in section 927 of this title.