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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 a Sec. 2A to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (D) the Water Quality Enhancement Grants under section 926 of this
19 title at a funding level of at least 20 percent of the annual balance of the Clean
20 Water Fund, provided that the maximum amount recommended under this
21 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.