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VPA Members,

The VPA Legislative Committee met on January 19 to review planning-related bills introduced to date at the Statehouse. All of the bills mentioned in last week's update were discussed. We will be tracking and possibly providing comments/testimony on some bills.

Other bills were deemed innocuous enough that tracking isn't necessary. If you have questions or thoughts on a bill, please contact me. Different committee members volunteered to track various bills, so use me as a single point of contact, and I'll get you an answer or put you in touch with the right person.

Did you delete last week's legislative update email with all the bill information? Perish the thought, but don't worry, the legislative updates are being posted to the VPA website thanks to our Communications Committee. See the following link

- <http://www.vermontplanners.org/legislation/legislative-reports>

Want more legislative perspective? One reliable source are the weekly updates done by the VT League of Cities and Towns (VLCT). They have a broader perspective than just planning, and they do focus on municipal impacts. You can find them online

at <http://vlct.org/advocacy/weekly-legislative-reports>

NEW Bills of Interest:

H.87 - Energy siting municipal deference - Would require the Public Service Board's "due consideration" of municipal/regional recommendations to assume such recommendations were correct, valid, and reasonable and the burden of persuasion shall be on a party asking the Board to decide the matter differently from the recommendation or measure. <http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.87>

H.95 - Property transfer tax redirection for clean water fund - Would redirect 25 percent of the property transfer tax from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) to the Clean Water Fund for the 20 years needed to implement the Clean Water Initiative. <http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.95>

Other Items of Interest:

Act 157 Housing Report - Recommendations from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development on recommendations to encourage the development of more workforce housing. <http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/ACCD-Act157-HousingReport.pdf>

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