

H.35 Funding Sources

| Funding | Fairness | Reliability/Sustainability | Nexus To Problem | Ease Of Administration | Committee Support |
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| 0.5-1% Rooms Tax | Tax from discretionary income. Money imported from other states. Working Lands (Rural?) Heritage Tax | Funds increase with inflation | Yes Can also provides funding for Working Lands, agricultural fairs, and Farm-To-School | Immediately available System already in place | 7 supporters |
| Bagged and bulk grain fee | Everyone with animals is contributing | Fairly reliable | Direct, but doesn't address all sources of pollution | Report required in H.35 will give this information | 3 supporters |
| Fee on bagged fertilizer \$30/ton x ~6,000 tons = \$180,000 | Paid by non-agriculture population, but fits the "all in" mantra | Perhaps not, but decreased use will help with the problem | Yes, homeowners contribute to nutrient runoff | Easy to administer | 6 supporters |
| Increased fee for non drinking water permits (e.g., golf courses, snow-making, etc.) | Yes, these are uses of water resources Municipal fees were just raised | Yes | Yes Associated with water quality and use | Yes Assessed annually | 7 supporters |
| Fertilizer fee \$1-3/ton Each \$1 raises \$40,000 | Yes, if this only constitutes a portion of the funds raised and does not place an unreasonable burden on dairy | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 supporters |
| Non-dairy farm certification fees | Yes Should not place an unreasonable burden on dairy | Yes, except not available until 2017 | Yes | Yes, but will take some effort to identify the farms | 10 supporters |
| VHCB | No consensus | Yes | Argument can be made | Yes | 3 supporters |

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| Efficiency Vermont 3rd tier of H.40 | Details unknown | Questionable | Questionable Money was raised for electrical efficiency | | 5 supporters |
| Increase in top marginal income tax rate .12% (8.95% to 9.07%) raises \$1.2 million | Almost everyone in Progressive tax | Yes | Those most able to pay are in | Yes | 5 supporters |
| Commercial feed - increase product registration fee by \$15 per product would raise \$165,000 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 7 supporters |
| Economic poisons (pesticides) - increase of \$15 per product would raise \$165,000 | Yes | Yes | Argument can be made - pesticides have an impact on water quality | Easy | 9 supporters |
| Increased government efficiency with existing funds | Yes | Questionable | Debatable | Yes | 6 supporters |
| Permit fees on LFO 27 @ \$2,500 = \$67,500 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Relatively easy - known universe | 10 supporters |
| Permit fees on MFO 139 @ \$1,500 = \$208,500 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Relatively easy - known universe | 10 supporters |

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| Permit fees on identifiable small dairy farms <100 cows ~355 @ \$250 = ~\$88,750 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Relatively easy - known universe | 10 supporters |
| Permit fees on identifiable small dairy farms 100-199 cows ~355 @ \$500 = ~\$177,500 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Relatively easy - known universe | 10 supporters |
| Fee per acre/parcel (i.e., property tax increases) | Not supported by Agriculture and Forest Products Committee | | | | 2 supporters |