

Summary of Senate Appropriations Amendment to H.868

This amendment strikes out each of the direct General Fund appropriations included in the underlying economic development bill.

1. First instance of amendment: strikes out Secs. L.2 and L.3 of the underlying bill and inserts a new Sec. L.2 that directs the Vermont Arts Council to use \$35,000 of its FY 2017 General Fund appropriation to design and implement the Vermont Creative Network pursuant to Sec. L.1.

- Sec. L.2 appropriated \$35,000 to the Vermont Arts Council to design and implement the Vermont Creative Network—this funding is included in the appropriation to the Vermont Arts Council in the Senate-passed budget.

- Sec. L.3 provided that the Vermont Arts Council is encouraged, but not required, to design and implement the Vermont Creative Network if the budget did not include an appropriation for that purpose. Because the budget does include that appropriation, the contingency in Sec. L.3 is no longer necessary.

2. Second instance of amendment: strikes out Secs. S.1–S.3, which repealed the session law creating the Vermont Enterprise Fund (S.1); codified the Vermont Enterprise Fund (S.2); and appropriated \$85,000.00 to the fund (S.3).

3. Third instance of amendment: strikes out Secs. T.1–T.2, which provided the Purpose (T.1), and appropriated \$1 million to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for two or more workforce housing pilot projects, and

inserts a new Sec. T.2 that preserves a study in the underlying bill that directs the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to report on the effectiveness of current and potential regulatory and financial tools to increase the development of affordable housing.

4. Fourth instance of amendment: conforming changes to Effective Dates