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**LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2016**

Bill Number: H-878      Name of Bill: Fiscal Year 2016 & 2017 Capital Appropriations Budget Adjustment

Agency/ Dept: Buildings and General Services      Author of Bill Review: Michael J. Obuchowski, Commissioner and Wanda L. Minoli, Deputy Commissioner

Date of Bill Review: June 1, 2016

Status of Bill: (check one):

☐ Upon Introduction      ☐ As passed by 1<sup>st</sup> body      ☒ As passed by both bodies

Recommended Position:

☒ Support      ☐ Oppose      ☐ Remain Neutral      ☐ Support with modifications identified in #8 below

**Analysis of Bill**

- **Summary of bill and issue it addresses.** This legislation authorizes adjustment to the two-year Capital Budget with total spending of **\$164,957,849.00**.
- **Is there a need for this bill?** **Yes.** The Capital Construction Bill finances capital projects in support of agencies of state government, institutions of higher learning and municipalities in order to maintain, preserve and sustain these facilities and or programs.

**What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?** Positive

- BGS will be able to continue with its planned capital projects and major maintenance plan outlay for Fiscal Year 2017.
- Capital funds authorized to support to support the “true-up” (state obligation after insurance and FEMA funds) assigned to Irene related capital improvements.
- **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** Positive
- ANR will be able to continue with its planned municipal capital projects and maximize draw down of federal funds for Fiscal Year 2017
- Challenge grants (1-1) to raise funds to support UVM STEM project and VSC – Castleton University Science Lab.
- Funding was authorized (\$5.4M) to construct the new Roxbury Fish Hatchery, original facility was destroyed during Storm Irene.
- Authority to evaluate replacement facilities at Williston and Middlesex Public Safety barracks.
- \$1.2 M was authorizing to assist downtown redevelopment of St. Johnsbury and Newport City.
- \$300K authorized to the Department of Public Service for Connectivity Initiative.
- This bill funds many departments capital demands and matches millions of federal dollars for programs in ANR, Military and Agriculture.
- Continued support for SOV IT Investment; ERP Expansion Project – Department of Finance
- Governors Recommend for funding ANR programs was sustained.

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- **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** Support. This bill authorizes funding for grants and loans to municipalities and nonprofit organizations.
- **Other Stakeholders:** N/A

**6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?**

**6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why?**

- **Rationale for recommendation:** The departments of buildings and general services and corrections, agencies of natural resources, agriculture, human services and the Secretary of Administration have worked in detail with the House and Senate Committee on Institutions concerning the Capital Bill
- **Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill:** N/A

*Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document: Michael J. Obuchowski*

*Date: June 1, 2016*

*Attached: Summary H-878*

*Capital Construction Spreadsheet.*

[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/capital\\_bill/2016\\_Capital\\_Bill\\_for\\_FY2016-2017\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/capital_bill/2016_Capital_Bill_for_FY2016-2017_FINAL.pdf)

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Summary of the Act Relating to Capital Construction and State Bonding Adjustment H-878  
Report of Bill as Passed House and Senate  
June 1, 2016

Governor Priorities:

The total sum of \$168,454,081 was authorized for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Biennial Capital Budget designed to advance many exciting large and small scale projects. This bill remains consistent with the recommendations of the Capital Debt Affordability Advisory Committee, and utilization of reallocations and bond premiums.

- Authorizes additional funding for the “true-up” for replacement of Waterbury State Office Complex and other Irene related construction projects.
- Authorizes \$5.4 M in construction for the replacement of the Roxbury Fish Hatchery.
- Appropriates funds to continue ongoing safety and security needs at our correctional facilities.
- Authorizes a 10-year replacement study for future needs of correctional facilities.
- Authorizes over \$15M in FY 2017 for Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Fund; Forest Parks and Recreation Renovation Projects and Fish and Wildlife Infrastructure.
- This bill continues the support of funding major maintenance projects at VSC and UVM; providing community grants and support for Military, and invest in the redevelopment of downtowns for St. Johnsbury and Newport City.

Policy

- Property Transactions:
  - Waterbury State Office Complex – survey remaining parcels not redeveloped.
  - Hoskison Property; Plymouth – sell, demolish or gift the house on the Hoskison property. BGS will retain land which supports the water system for Calvin Coolidge Site.
  - Montpelier – 144 State Street; sell, subdivide, lease or enter into a common interest with the VSECU.
  - Authorizes the Commissioner of BGS to evaluate and report on opportunities to develop a biomass facility at the new AG/ANR lab in Randolph.
  - Authorizes the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to transfer a parcel of land in the Town of Windsor to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, following a survey.

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