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**PROPOSED MOTION**

**TRANSFER OF FUNDING FOR LIHEAP**

The Emergency Board moves the following:

a) In accordance with 2011 Act 63 Sec. C.110, amending 2011 Act 3 Sec. 50(c), due to reduced federal funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), $5.1 million of the $7 million in funds appropriated to the Secretary of Administration for federal reductions shall be transferred to the home heating fuel assistance fund for use in fiscal year 2012 to meet expected heating needs.

b) Under the authority of 32 V.S.A. Sec 706(2), the Emergency Board hereby approves transfer of $1.5 million as a repayment from the home heating fuel assistance fund to the home weatherization assistance trust fund, from monies that were loaned to the home heating fuel assistance fund under the provisions of 2011 Act 63 Sec. E.324.1. Pursuant to 33 V.S.A. Sec. 2502(e), the Emergency Board hereby determines that the $1.5 million repayment is sufficient to maintain the fiscal capacity of the state office of economic opportunity to meet the budgeted obligations of the weatherization program.

c) The Department for Children and Families is requested to review the LIHEAP program and its funding to identify possible changes that will improve the sustainability and success of the LIHEAP program in the future and submit any recommended changes to the administration and the general assembly by March 1, 2012.