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2 Introduced by Senator Mullin of Rutland District

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation; beverage container; beverage container redemption;
6 nondairy beverages

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the agency of natural
8 resources to report to the general assembly with an analysis of the cost and
9 efficacy of expanding the beverage container redemption law to include
10 containers for water and noncarbonated drinks.

11 AN ACT RELATING TO EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE
12 BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION LAW

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT ON

15 EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE BOTTLE BILL

16 On or before January 15, 2010, the secretary of natural resources shall
17 report to the senate and house committees on natural resources and energy, the
18 senate committee on economic development, housing and general affairs, and
19 the house committee on commerce with an analysis of whether the bottle bill

1 should be expanded to apply to containers for water and noncarbonated drinks.

2 The report shall include:

3 (1) An estimate of the cost to redemption centers and distributors of
4 expanding the bottle bill to apply to containers for water and noncarbonated
5 drinks;

6 (2) An analysis of whether the goal of collecting and recycling the
7 maximum achievable number of containers for water and noncarbonated drinks
8 is better served by expanding the scope of the bottle bill to apply to such
9 containers or by retaining the current system under which such containers are
10 collected or recycled under a solid waste management program;

11 (3) An analysis of whether the goal of collecting and recycling the
12 maximum achievable number of containers would be better served by
13 collecting and recycling those beverage containers currently subject to the
14 bottle bill under a solid waste management program; and

15 (4) A recommendation as to whether the scope of the bottle bill should
16 be expanded to include containers for water and noncarbonated drinks or
17 whether the bottle bill should be repealed so that all beverage containers are
18 collected and recycled through a solid waste management program.