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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Kimbell of Woodstock, Sibia of Dover, and
Sims of Craftsbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; natural resources; land use; Act 250;
recreational trails

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to clarify Act
250's jurisdiction over recreational trails. It would state that Vermont Trail
System trails are for a public purpose. It would state that Act 250 jurisdiction
for these trails is determined by the amount of land physically disturbed. It
would clarify jurisdiction over other trails. It would exempt new trails
connecting to existing trails unless the new trail would trigger Act 250
jurisdiction on its own. It would allow jurisdiction over trails to be constructed
in phases to use individual segments for calculating Act 250 jurisdiction. It
would prohibit requests for Act 250 jurisdictional opinions for trails that have
been accepted into the Vermont Trail System.

An act relating to the regulation of the recreational trails

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

2 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)