

# 2025 CAI Vermont Legislative Session Report

Community Associations Institute (CAI) Vermont Legislative Action Committee (VT LAC) spent the 2025 legislative session advocating on behalf of the <u>approximately 109,000 Vermonters living in 46,400 homes in nearly 2,000 community associations across the Green Mountain State</u>. Vermont's 2025 legislative session began on January 8 and adjourned May 9. Below are highlights from this session:

### H 172- An act relating to establishing a Common Interest Community Resource Center

VT LAC supported the concept of this bill, and worked to make sure it didn't turn into an ombudsman program. In line with CAI's <u>Alternative Dispute Resolution Public Policy</u>, CAI recognizes the need for and supports the use of fair alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to resolve disputes arising in community associations, particularly in appropriate cases where such measures can facilitate efficient and equitable resolution. CAI generally does not advise the creation of ombudsman programs, instead favoring approaches which empower associations and homeowners to create a fair dispute resolution process.

This bill was the primary focus of VT LAC's advocacy this session, with the LAC specifically reaching out to sponsors of the bill to introduce CAI as a resource for community association issues in Vermont. While the bill ultimately did not pass, the LAC made valuable legislator contacts and helped pave the way for future discussions on how best to assist Vermont's community associations.

This bill establishes an office with the authority to distribute educational materials and assist in navigating issues related to community associations. It also authorizes the state to contract with a nonprofit to fill the role.

Status: FAILED in Committee.

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