

**Testimony of Amy Shollenberger**  
**House Education Committee**  
**May 7, 2015**  
**RE: H.391**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you about H.391 once again. Per your suggestion, Vermont Afterschool reached out to the Agency of Education to see if we could find compromise language that addressed their concerns. I will walk you through the issues that we think our suggested language addresses.

1. Agency of Education has fiscal responsibility for any funds distributed.
2. ELO Committee works with the Agency and reports to them, with the Agency reporting to the legislature.
3. Agency of Education provides administrative support only as resources allow, and can allow administrative support for the Committee from members of the committee.
4. Members of the Committee have experience with ELO programs.

Also, we heard from members of this committee and other legislators that it would be prudent to eliminate all appropriations from the bill. However, we are suggesting that the Committee be given the ability to pursue funding from sources outside the state.