

## **Week One Legislative Preview:**

### **HOUSE:**

#### **Committee Hearings:**

#### **House Committee on Education**

10:00 AM

#### **Tuesday, January 7, 2014**

10:00 AM                      **FLOOR**

11:00 AM                      **School Calendar**

Elaine Pinckney, Superintendent, Chittenden South Supervisory Union  
Jay Nichols, Superintendent, Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union

Noon                              **Republican Party Caucus**

1:00 PM                        **Democratic and Progressive Caucus**

#### **Wednesday, January 08, 2014**

1:00 PM                        **FLOOR**

2:00 PM                        **Governor's State of the State Address**

#### **Thursday, January 09, 2014**

9:30 AM                        **I-pad Training Follow-up**

Michael Berry, User Support Specialist

10:00 AM                        **Introduction**

Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary, Agency of Education

1:00 PM                        **FLOOR**

#### **Friday, January 10, 2014**

9:30 AM                        **FLOOR**

#### **House Committee on Government Operations**

10:00 AM      Room 49 (House Government Operations)

**Tuesday, January 7, 2014**

10:00 AM                **FLOOR**

12:00 PM                **Lunch**

1:00 PM                **S. 82 - An act relating to campaign finance law**

2:00 PM                **Committee Discussion**

**Wednesday, January 08, 2014**

9:30 AM                **Proposed Committee Bill re: Whistle Blower Protection**  
Doug Hoffer, State Auditor of Accounts, State Auditor's Office

10:30 AM                **IT Training**  
*I-pads and web information page*  
Michael Berry, User Support Specialist

11:30 AM                **Committee Discussion**

12:00 PM                **Lunch**

1:00 PM                **FLOOR**

2:00 PM                **State of the State Address**  
Hon. Peter Shumlin, Governor

**Thursday, January 09, 2014**

9:30 AM                **Committee Discussion**

10:00 AM                **Proposed Committee Bill re: Whistle Blower Protection**  
Steve Howard, Legislative Director, Vermont State Employees  
Association

12:00 PM                **Lunch**

1:00 PM                **Meet with Public Records Committee**  
*Room 10*

2:00 PM                **FLOOR**

*If Floor is still in session, please join.*

3:00 PM                    **Committee Discussion**  
*if needed*

**Friday, January 10, 2014**

9:30 AM                    **FLOOR**

12:00 PM                    **Lunch**

1:00 PM                    **Committee Discussion**  
*if needed*

**House Committee on Health Care**

10:00 AM      Room 45 (House Health Care)

**Tuesday, January 7, 2014**

10:00 AM                    **FLOOR**

11:00 AM                    **Committee Discussion & Organization**  
*Convene after House Floor*

2:30 PM                    **Training**  
*Tentative -- training on using new Committee page*  
Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

3:00 PM                    **Committee Discussion**

3:30 PM                    **Health Benefit Exchange**  
*Updates on the Exchange*  
Mark Larson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)  
Robin Lunge, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Administration

**Wednesday, January 08, 2014**

9:00 AM                    **Training**  
*Training on iPads*  
Michael Berry, User Support Specialist

10:00 AM                    **TBA**

1:00 PM                    **FLOOR**

2:00 PM                    **State of the State Address**

**3:30 PM                    Health Benefit Exchange**  
*Update on call centers, small business enrollment, and security issues*  
Mark Larson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)  
Robin Lunge, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Administration

**Thursday, January 09, 2014**

9:00 AM                    **Training**  
*Training on iPads*  
Michael Berry, User Support Specialist

**10:00 AM                    Health Benefit Exchange**  
*Transition update*  
Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

1:00 PM                    **FLOOR**

2:00 PM                    **TBA**

**Friday, January 10, 2014**

9:30 AM                    **FLOOR**

10:00 AM                    **TBA**  
*Rest of day's schedule TBA*

**House Committee on Ways and Means**

9:00 AM    Room 34 (House Ways and Means)

**Tuesday, January 7, 2014**

**9:00 AM                    Tax Data Access**  
*Memorandum of Understanding and Modelling*  
Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office  
Sara Teachout, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

10:00 AM	<b>House Convenes</b>
AFTER	<b>Committee Information Page</b> <i>Demonstration</i> Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Council
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:15 PM	<b>Caucus</b>
2:30 PM	<b>Premium Tax Credits</b> <i>Treatment and Implementation</i> Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office Mark Larson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)
2:45 PM	<b>Exchange Update</b> Mark Larson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)
3:30 PM	<b>Bill Backs</b> Al Gobeille, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

**Wednesday, January 08, 2014**

8:45 AM	<b>Education Tax Rate Letter</b> <i>and education fund balance</i> Mary Peterson, Commissioner, Department of Taxes Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
10:00 AM	<b>Renter Rebate Report</b> Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
11:00 AM	<b>Property Tax Exemption Study Committee Report</b> Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council Sara Teachout, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 PM	<b>House Convenes</b>

2:00 PM                      **State of the State**

**AFTER                      FY 2014 Budget Adjustment Bill**

*Memo from Appropriations re: Tax Computer System Modernization Fund*

Maria Belliveau, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Sara Teachout, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Mary Peterson, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**Thursday, January 09, 2014**

**8:45 AM                      Communication Strategies - Sales Tax**

Tasha Wallis, Executive Director, Vermont Retailers Association

Jim Harrison, President, Vermont Grocers' Association

Mary Peterson, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**9:15 AM                      Sales Tax on Internet Sales**

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

Sara Teachout, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Mary Peterson, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**10:15 AM                      Act 48 Timeline**

*Witnesses TBA*

**12:00 PM                      Lunch**

**1:00 PM                      House Convenes**

**AFTER                      TBA**

**Friday, January 10, 2014**

**8:45 AM                      Statutory Purposes and Tax Expenditures**

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

Sara Teachout, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Brynn Hare, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Council

**9:30 AM                      House Convenes**

**AFTER                      H. 164 - An act relating to the simplification of the statewide education  
property tax by reducing the property component of the tax and  
adding an income-based education tax**

12:00 PM                      **Lunch**

1:00 PM                      **Impact of Federal Cuts in Headstart**