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# Senate Committee on Finance

## (Room 6)

The Senate Committee on Finance has jurisdiction over matters affecting the revenues of the State or its instrumentalities and relating to banks; trust companies; insurance; utility companies; and private and quasi-public corporations, including other companies subject to regulation by the Public Service Board.

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#### Wednesday, January 6, 2021

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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#### Thursday, January 7, 2021

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Joint Assembly</b> <i>Canvassing Committee Report</i>
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<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Joint Assembly</b> <i>Governor's Remarks</i>
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## Friday, January 8, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Committee Introductions**

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## Tuesday, January 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM** **Election of the Clerk**

**Sources and Uses of CRF Funds**

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

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## Wednesday, January 13, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Agency of Education Update**

Bill Bates, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Education

Jill Briggs Campbell, COVID 19 Federal Emergency Funds Project Manager, Agency of Education

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of Education

**3:00 PM**      **Break**

**3:30 PM**      **Review of Education Funding**

Chloe Wexler, Fiscal Data Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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## Thursday, January 14, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **December 2020 Stimulus Package and Revenue Update**

Joyce Manchester, Senior Economist, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:00 PM**      **Revenue Update**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:30 PM**      **Discussion with Steve Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer**

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:15 PM**      **Break**

**3:35 PM**      **December 1, 2020 Letter and Education Fund Update**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Chloe Wexler, Fiscal Data Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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## Friday, January 15, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM Status of Broadband and Use of CRF Funds**

Sen. Randy Brock, IT Oversight Committee

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity, Department of Public Service

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

**2:30 PM COVID 19 Response Telecommunications Plans**

Matt Dunne, Founder and Executive Director, Rural Innovations

Joanne Hovis, President, CTC Technologies

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## Tuesday, January 19, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM CRF Broadband Funds**

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM Common Level of Appraisal**

*Overview*

Jake Feldman, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Department of Taxes

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

**3:00 PM Adjourn**

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## Wednesday, January 20, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **State Finances**

*Joint Hearing with Senate Appropriations*

Tom Kavet, Legislative Economist, Kavet, Rockler & Associates, LLC

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## Thursday, January 21, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:40 PM** **2021 Tax Expenditure Report**

*Overview*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:15 PM** **Break**

**2:30 PM** **2021 Tax Expenditure Report**

*Review of the Downtown Tax Credit and the Clothing Footwear Sales Tax Exemption*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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## Friday, January 22, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Washington Electric Coop**

*Tax Issue*

Barry Bernstein, President, Board of Directors, Washington Electric Coop

Patricia Richards, General Manager, Washington Electric Coop

**2:15 PM**      **Introductions**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes

## Tuesday, January 26, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM**      **Governor's FY2022 Budget Address**

*Joint Assembly*

**After the  
Governor's  
Address**      **Tax Expenditure Report**  
*Clothing Exemption*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

## Wednesday, January 27, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**

**Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.12 - An act relating to exempting U.S. military retirement pay from Vermont income tax**

*Walk-through*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM**      **Vermont Captive Insurance Association**

*Captive Insurance Presentation to Legislators -- Adobe Connect Part 2 <<http://vcia.adobeconnect.com/jan-27->*

**3:30 PM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget**

*Tax Provisions*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**Thursday, January 28, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Tax Structure Commission**

*Draft Report*

Deb Brighton, Commissioner, Tax Structure Commission

Bram Kleppner, Commissioner, Tax Structure Commission

Steve Trenholm, Commissioner, Tax Structure Commission

**3:15 PM**      **Break**

**3:30 PM**      **History of the Taxation of Utilities**

Joan White, Utility Analyst, Public Utility Commission

**4:00 PM History of Taxation of Utilities and Broadband Providers**

Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

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**Friday, January 29, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**11:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM Broadband Access**

*Affordability Programs*

Jeff Austin, Senior Director, Consolidated Communications

Kim Gates, Controller, Franklin Telephone and Independent Telephone Companies

Holly Groschner, ECFiber Delegate and Chair, Equal Access to Broadband, Inc.

Stephanie Lee, Executive Director - State Government Affairs New England, Verizon

Roger Nishi, Vice President, Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom and Independent Telephone Companies

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity, Department of Public Service

Erika Smith, Manager of State Regulatory Matters, Consolidated Communications

Owen Smith, Regional Vice President, External Affairs, AT&T

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

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**Tuesday, February 2, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM Arrearages and Disconnections in a Pandemic**

Kyle Landis-Marinello, General Counsel, Public Utility Commission

Patricia Richards, General Manager, Washington Electric Coop

Darren Springer, General Manager, Burlington Electric Department

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

**2:30 PM**      **Break**

**3:00 PM**      **Arrearages and Disconnections in a Pandemic**

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Melissa Bailey, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Representative, VPPSA

Andrea Cohen, Manager, Government Affairs and Member Relations, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Steve Costello, Vice President, Customer Care, Green Mountain Power

Tiana Smith, Senior Director Strategy & Chief of Staff, Vermont Gas

**4:00 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

## Wednesday, February 3, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Governor's FY2022 Proposed Budget**

*Including Property Tax Proposals and the Home Health Provider Tax*

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance & Management

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Lisa Schilling, Financial Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

**2:30 PM**      **Break**

**3:00 PM**      **Governor's FY2022 Proposed Budget**

*Lottery*

Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Department of Liquor and Lottery

Brian Evans, Financial Director, Department of Liquor and Lottery

Gary Kessler, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Liquor and Lottery

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## Thursday, February 4, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.1 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Walk-through*

Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM** **S.1 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Testimony*

Bill Harrington, Director, Stored Solar

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of Public Service

Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Doug Smith, Chief Public Supply Executive, Green Mountain Power

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Stored Solar

**3:00 PM** **Break**

**3:15 PM** **Pensions**

*Vermont State Teachers Retirement System and Vermont State Employees Retirement System*

Will Kriewald, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the State Treasurer

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer

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## Friday, February 5, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Universal Service Fund and the Connectivity Fund**

*Funding and Expenses*

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:00 PM** **Universal Service Fund and the Connectivity Fund**

*E911 Deficit*

Roger Marcoux, Board Chair, 911 Board

Barb Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

**2:45 PM** **Universal Service Fund and the Connectivity Fund**

Stephen Whitaker, Advocate, Montpelier

**3:00 PM** **Next Week's Agenda**

*Committee Discussion*

## Tuesday, February 9, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.60 - An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative rates and services**

*Walk-through*

Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM** **S.60 - An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative**

**rates and services***Testimony*

Riley Allen, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Melissa Bailey, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Representative, VPPSA

Andrea Cohen, Manager, Government Affairs and Member Relations, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Joan White, Utility Analyst, Public Utility Commission

**3:00 PM**      **Break**

**3:15 PM**      **Arrearages and Disconnections in a Pandemic**

*Municipal Experience*

Tom Dipietro, Past President, Green Mountain Water Environment Association

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**4:00 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

**S.54 - An act relating to the imposition of sales tax on candy to fund child care assistance**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM**      **Next Week's Agenda**

*Committee Discussion*

- 3:00 PM**      **Break**
- 3:15 PM**      **S.59 - An act relating to an income tax surcharge to reduce State retirement liabilities**  
*Walk-through and Fiscal Impact*
- Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 4:00 PM**      **S.1 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**  
*Environmental Impact of the Ryegate Plant*
- Douglas Elliott, Permitting Section Chief, Department of Environmental Conservation,  
Air Quality & Climate Division  
Peter Walke, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation

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## Thursday, February 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**
- 1:30 PM**      **Tax Changes of 2018**
- Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 2:15 PM**      **Tax Treatment of Remote Workers**
- Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 2:45 PM**      **Break**
- 3:00 PM**      **S.1 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**  
*Continued Testimony and Committee Discussion*
- Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Doug Smith, Chief Public Supply Executive, Green Mountain Power  
Rachel Smolker, Co-Director, Biofuelwatch

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

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## Friday, February 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.64 - An act relating to electric cooperatives and property tax exemptions for broadband infrastructure**

*Walk-through and discussion*

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM** **Tax Amendment Proposal For BAA**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

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## Tuesday, February 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Renewable Energy Credits 101**

Maria Fischer, Utilities Economic Analyst, Department of Public Service

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of Public Service

**2:25 PM** **S.1 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Testimony, Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

Tabitha Bowling, Partner, Vermont Wood Pellet Company

Markus Bradley, Forester/Partner, Restart, Inc.

Chris Brooks, Owner, Vermont Wood Pellet Company

Bill Harrington, Director, Stored Solar

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

Alan Robertson, Secretary, Vermont Woodlands Association

Darren Springer, General Manager, Burlington Electric Department

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Stored Solar

**4:00 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, February 17, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**After the floor**      **Caucus of the Whole**

*Update on the State's Vaccination Efforts*

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

**2:30 PM**      **Vermont House and Conservation Coalition Day**

Chris Donnelly, Director of Community Relations, Champlain Housing Trust

Eric Farrell, Local Real Estate Junkie, Farrell Properties

Abby White, Vice President for Strategic Communications, Vermont Land Trust

**2:45 PM**      **E911 Deficit**

Barb Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

**3:30 PM**      **Federal COVID Bills and Vermont Tax Link Up**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM**      **Next Week's Agenda**

*Committee Discussion*

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**Thursday, February 18, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 10:30 AM** **Election of UVM Trustees, Sergeant at Arms and the Adjutant General of the Vermont National Guard**
- 1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**
- 1:30 PM** **S.60 - An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative rates and services**  
*Testimony and Committee Discussion*  
Riley Allen, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Service  
Melissa Bailey, Manager of Government and Member Relations, VPPSA  
Andrea Cohen, Manager, Government Affairs and Member Relations, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Thomas Knauer, Policy Director, Vermont Public Utility Commission  
Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 3:20 PM** **Break**
- 3:35 PM** **Uses for Remaining CRF Funds Appropriated for Emergency Connectivity Programs and Governor's Proposed Spending on Broadband**  
Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity, Department of Public Service  
June Tierney, Commissioner, Public Service Department

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**Friday, February 19, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****11:30 AM**     **Senate Floor****1:30 PM**     **Vermont Income Tax Structure**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:30 PM**     **CRF and Governor's Broadband Proposals***Discussion with CUDS and Committee Discussion*

Evan Carlson, Member, NEK Community Broadband

Charen Fegard, Northwest CUD

Robert Fish, Rural Broadband Technical Assistance Specialist, Department of Public Service

F.X. Flinn, ECFiber

Steve Huffaker, Maple Broadband

Lea Kilvadyova, Lamoille FiberNet

Ann Manwaring, DVFiber

Amanda O'Connor, Otter Creek CUD

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity, Department of Public Service

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

**Tuesday, February 23, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**     Standard**Meeting Record****9:30 AM**     **Senate Floor****1:30 PM**     **Pupil Weighting***Joint meeting with Senate Education*

Victoria Capitani, Chair, Dover Select Board

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Alex Yin, Member, Winooski District School Board

**3:00 PM**     **Break**

**3:15 PM S.80 - An act relating to limiting employee compensation for State-funded nonprofit organizations**

*Introduction and Walk-through*

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor, Chittenden County

**3:45 PM Broadband Bill**

*Discussion*

Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor

**4:00 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, February 24, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**10 mins after the floor S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

**1:50 PM CRF and Governor's Broadband Proposals**

*Committee Discussion*

**2:15 PM Analysis of the Financial Viability for Public, Educational and Government Access Television**

Peter Bluhm, Consultant and Owner, Berkshire Telecommunications Consulting  
Lauren-Glenn Davidian, Executive Director, CCTV Center for Media and Democracy  
Ken Jones, Economic Research Analyst, Agency of Commerce and Community Development  
Robert Loube, Co-owner, Rolka Loube

**3:30 PM Break**

**3:45 PM S.88 - An act relating to insurance, banking, and securities***Walk-through*

Molly Dillon, Deputy Commissioner, Banking, Department of Financial Regulation

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial Regulation

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Thursday, February 25, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard**Meeting Record****1:00 PM Senate Floor****2:00 PM Results of the Votes for Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College***Joint Assembly***2:15 PM CRF and Governor's Broadband Proposals***Committee Discussion*

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

**3:15 PM Update on Potential Federal Funding from Congressman Peter Welch***Joint meeting with House and Senate Appropriations and House Ways and Means***4:15 PM Agency of Transportation's Right of Ways**

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rob White, Project Delivery Bureau Director, Agency of Transportation

**Friday, February 26, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor****1:30 PM**      **S.64 - An act relating to electric cooperatives and property tax exemptions for broadband infrastructure***Testimony*

Barry Bernstein, President, Board of Directors, Washington Electric Coop  
 Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns  
 Patricia Richards, General Manager, Washington Electric Coop  
 Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes  
 June Tierney, Commissioner, Public Service Department

**2:30 PM**      **Break****3:15 PM**      **S.60 - An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative rates and services***Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

Riley Allen, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Service  
 Melissa Bailey, Manager of Government and Member Relations, VPPSA  
 Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor****1:00 PM**      **Results of the Votes for Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College***Joint Assembly***1:30 PM**      **S.94 - An act relating to the cannabis excise tax and local fees***Walk-through*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM S.1 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Review the Current Status of the Bill*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mary Jo Krolewski, Utility Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Jake Marren, Staff Attorney, Public Utility Commission

Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Annette Smith, Executive Director, Vermonters for a Clean Environment

**4:10 PM S.48 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**

Sen. Ann Cummings, Reporter

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**5:00 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, March 10, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**10 Min After the Floor S.88 - An act relating to insurance, banking, and securities**

*Captive Amendment, Discussion and Possible Vote*

David Provost, Deputy Commissioner, Captive Insurance Division, Department of Financial Regulation

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial Regulation

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM S.60 - An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative rates and services**

*Discussion and Possible Vote*

Riley Allen, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Melissa Bailey, Manager of Government and Member Relations, VPPSA

**4:00 PM**      **Break**

**4:15 PM**      **S.94 - An act relating to the cannabis excise tax and local fees**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jeanette White, Sponsor

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

## Thursday, March 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.1 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Discussion and Possible Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Stored Solar

**2:40 PM**      **S.111 - An act relating to local option taxes**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:10 PM**      **Break**

**3:25 PM**      **S.118 - An act relating to reconstituting the Vermont Telecommunications Authority**

*Walk-through*

Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:45 PM**      **S.60 - An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative rates and services**

*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

**5:00 PM**      **S.1 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Committee Discussion*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, Stored Solar

## Friday, March 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.88 - An act relating to insurance, banking, and securities**

*Committee Discussion and Vote*

**1:45 PM**      **S.1 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Stored Solar

**2:40 PM**      **S.94 - An act relating to the cannabis excise tax and local fees**

*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:50 PM**

**S.1 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement***Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:10 PM**      **Break****S.60 - An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative rates and services***Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor****1:30 PM**      **S.48 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact***Committee Discussion and Vote***1:45 PM**      **Link-up Language**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes

**2:00 PM**      **Governor's Appointments***Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Taxes*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**2:15 PM**      **Governor's Appointments***Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Public Service*

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

**2:45 PM**      **Break**

**3:00 PM**      **S.33 - An act relating to project-based tax increment financing districts**

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM**      **Committee Discussion of Bills in Committee**

**5:00 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

## Wednesday, March 17, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**12:30 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.33 - An act relating to project-based tax increment financing districts**

*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic Progress Council

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM**      **S.97 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures**

*Review Finance-related Sections of the Bill and Vote*

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

**2:45 PM**      **S.101 - An act relating to promoting housing choice and opportunity in smart growth areas**

*Review Finance-related Sections of the Bill and Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:15 PM**      **Break**

**3:30 PM S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming***Review Finance-related Sections of the Bill*

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:45 PM S.101 - An act relating to promoting housing choice and opportunity in smart growth areas**

Chris Cochran, Director of Community Planning &amp; Revitalization, Department of Housing and Community Development

**4:15 PM S.79 - An act relating to improving rental housing health and safety***Review Finance-related Sections of the Bill*

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Thursday, March 18, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard**Meeting Record****11:00 AM Senate Floor****1:30 PM S.66 - An act relating to electric bicycles***Review Finance-related Sections of the Bill*

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM Break****3:15 PM S.33 - An act relating to project-based tax increment financing districts***Committee Discussion*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic Progress Council

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

## Friday, March 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Governor's Appointments**

*Commissioner of Vermont Department of Public Service*

Stephen Whitaker, Advocate, Montpelier

**2:10 PM** **S.33 - An act relating to project-based tax increment financing districts**

*Committee Discussion and Vote*

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM** **S.25 - An act relating to miscellaneous cannabis regulation procedures**

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, March 23, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Governor's Appointments**

*Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation*

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

**2:00 PM**

**Governor's Appointments***Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation**Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Taxes***2:30 PM Utility Regulation and the History of the PUC and PSD**

Sarah Hofmann, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission

**3:00 PM Break****3:15 PM S.60 - An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative rates and services***Review Perchlik Amendment*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Sponsor

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard**Meeting Record****1:00 PM Senate Floor****3:15 PM Governor's Appointments***Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Public Service*

Chris Company, Executive Director, Windham Regional Commission

Thomas Dunn, CEO, VELCO

Kerrick Johnson, Chief Innovation and Communications Officer, VELCO

Ann Manwaring, Chair, DVFiber

Don Rendall, Retired CEO, Vermont Gas

Jim Volz, Former Chair, Public Utility Commission

**Thursday, March 25, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

- 10:30 AM**     **Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates**  
*Joint Assembly*
- 1:00 PM**     **Senate Floor**
- 1:30 PM**     **Governor's Appointments**  
*Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Public Service*  
June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service
- 3:30 PM**     **Telecom Incentive Regulation Plans**  
Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 4:00 PM**     **Associated Contractors Unemployment Forum**

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## Friday, March 26, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

- 11:30 AM**     **Senate Floor**
- 2:45 PM**     **Federal Link Up**  
Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes  
Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, March 30, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Wednesday, March 31, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**2:15 PM S.128 - An act relating to the taxation of grid-connected renewable energy plants, energy storage facilities, and energy transformation projects**

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor, -  
Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:05 PM Break**

**3:15 PM Link Up Discussion**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes  
Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, April 1, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**2:00 PM Results of the Votes for Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates**

*Joint Assembly*

**2:15 PM Review Language in H.315**

**2:30 PM S.135 - An act relating to separating the individual and small group health insurance markets for plan year 2022**

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare

Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue  
Shield of Vermont

**3:30 PM H.431 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM Link Up Discussion**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Friday, April 2, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**11:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM Link Up Discussion**

**1:40 PM H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws***Walk-through*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM S.135 - An act relating to separating the individual and small group health insurance markets for plan year 2022**

Betsy Bishop, President, Vermont Chamber of Commerce

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal AidChristine Oliver, NFP Senior Vice President and Business Resource Services  
Consultant, Business Resource Service

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**Tuesday, April 6, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard**Meeting Record****9:30 AM Senate Floor****1:30 PM H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment***H.360 vs S.118*

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**Tom Evslin, Former Vermont Chief Recovery Officer, Co-founder of Broadband Equity  
Now**2:30 PM Break****2:45 PM**

**H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment***Lessons from the VTA*

Chris Campbell, Former Executive Director, Vermont Telecommunications Authority

Holly Groschner, Former Legal Counsel, Vermont Telecommunications Authority

**4:00 PM      Chairs' Meeting****Wednesday, April 7, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****1:00 PM      Senate Floor****1:30 PM      H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment***Update on CUDs*

Robert Fish, Rural Broadband Technical Assistance Specialist, Department of Public Service

**2:15 PM      H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment***Commissioner Tierney's Review of H.360 and S.118*

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

**3:00 PM      Break****3:15 PM      H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment***CUDs - Update on Status and Future Plans/Abilities (10 min each)*

Evan Carlson, Chair, NEK Community Broadband

F.X. Flinn, Chair, ECFiber

Christine Hallquist, Administrator, NEK Community Broadband

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Jeremy Hansen, Chair, CVFiber

Steve Huffaker, Chair, Maple Broadband

Sean Kio, Chair, Northwest CUD

Ann Manwaring, Chair, DVFiber

Bill Moore, Chair, Otter Creek CUD

Michael Rooney, Chair, Lamoille FiberNet

Jeff Such, Chair, Southern Vermont CUD

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## Thursday, April 8, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Other ISP Providers*

Jeff Austin, Senior Director, Fiber Build Strategy, Consolidated Communications

Michael Birnbaum, Owner, Kingdom Fiber

Kim Gates, Controller, Franklin Telephone and Independent Telephone Companies

Elin Katz, VP Utilities, Tilson

Bryan Marteeny, General Manager, Topsham Telephone

Roger Nishi, Vice President, Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom and Independent Telecom

Leslie Nulty, CFO, Mansfield Community Fiber, Inc.

Erika Smith, Director - Legislative and Regulatory Matters, Consolidated Communications

**3:15 PM** **Break**

**3:30 PM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Testimony continued*

**4:30 PM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*VEDA's Role*

Cassie Polhemus, CEO, Vermont Economic Development Authority

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## Friday, April 9, 2021

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **GlobalFoundries as a Utility**

Josh Castonguay, Vice President of Chief Innovation Executive & Power Supply, Green Mountain Power

Ben Edgerly Walsh, Climate & Energy Program Director, VPIRG

Gregory Rieder, Principal Member, GlobalFoundries Technical Staff

**2:45 PM** **Break**

**3:00 PM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Committee Discussion*

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Broadband in Affordable Multifamily Housing*

Kathy Beyer, Senior Vice President, Real Estate Development, Evernorth (formerly Housing Vermont)

Molly Dugan, Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Cathedral Square

**2:00 PM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

Irv Thomae, Former Chair, ECFiber

**3:00 PM** **H.431 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects**

Billy Coster, Director of Planning and Policy, Agency of Natural Resources

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Bill Jordan, Director of Engineering, Department of Public Service

Anne Margolis, Deputy Planning Director, Department of Public Service

Jim Porter, Director for Public Advocacy, Department of Public Service

**4:15 PM H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Committee Discussion*

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
 Maura Collins, Executive Director, Vermont Housing Finance Agency  
 Chris Donnelly, Director of Community Relations, Champlain Housing Trust  
 Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, Reporter, House Committee on Ways and Means  
 Brian Pine, Coordinator, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition

**2:45 PM H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

Michel Guite, President, V-Tel  
 Gordon Mathews, Vice President Legal and Regulatory Affairs, VTel  
 Arianna Robinson, Chief Technology Officer, VTel

**3:55 PM Break**

**4:10 PM H.433 - An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation**

*Section 21*

Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Senate Committee on Transportation

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## Thursday, April 15, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Act 79- Make-Ready Provisions and Pole Harvesting - Where are we and what is needed?*

F.X. Flinn, Chair, ECFiber

Christine Hallquist, Administrator, NEK Community Broadband

Jeremy Hansen, Chair, CVFiber

Craig Keller, Utilities and Permits Manager, Agency of Transportation

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity, Department of Public Service

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Rob White, Project Delivery Bureau Director, Agency of Transportation

**3:10 PM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Property Tax Exemption*

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 AM** **Break**

**3:45 PM** **H.431 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects**

*Energy Storage 101*

Olivia Campbell Andersen, Executive Director, Renewable Energy Vermont

**4:15 PM** **GlobalFoundries as a Self-Managed Utility**

*Legal Authority and Possible Legislative Actions*

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

## Friday, April 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

## Tuesday, April 20, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **PPP Taxation**

Karen Bradley, Dvm, Onion River Animal Hospital

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Austin Davis, Government Affairs Manager, Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce

Bram Kleppner, CEO, Danforth Pewter

Thomas Lauzon, CPA, Salvador and Babic, P.C.

Matt Musgrave, Government Affairs Director, Associated General Contractors of Vermont

Leo O'Reilly, Owner, O'Reilly & O'Reilly Business Services

Marc Sherman, Owner, Outdoor Gear Exchange

**3:05 PM** **S.88 - An act relating to insurance, banking, and securities**

*House Proposal of Amendment*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:15 PM** **H.433 - An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to**

**laws related to transportation***Sec 21: PEV Rate Design and EV Incentives*

Riley Allen, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM      Chairs' Meeting**

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**Wednesday, April 21, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****1:00 PM      Senate Floor****1:45 PM      H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State**

Ray Ault, Owner/Broker, Ault Commercial Reality

Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Peter Tucker, Director of Advocacy and Public Affairs, Vermont Association of Realtors

**3:00 PM      H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment***Committee Discussion*

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**Thursday, April 22, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****1:00 PM      Senate Floor****2:00 PM      H.431 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects**

Josh Castonguay, Vice President of Chief Innovation Executive & Power Supply, Green Mountain Power

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Thomas Murray, Vice President, Vermont Gas

**3:00 PM S.88 - An act relating to insurance, banking, and securities**

*House Proposal of Amendment*

Jamie Feehan, Lobbyist, Vermont Dental Society

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Stephen Pitmon, Vermont Dental Society

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, Delta Dental Plan of Vermont, Inc.

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## Friday, April 23, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Net Neutrality*

Joshua Diamond, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

**2:00 PM Telecommunications Plan**

*Overview*

Matt Dunne, Founder and Executive Director, Rural Innovations

Joanne Hovis, President, CTC Technologies

**3:00 PM Burlington Waterfront TIF District Audit Schedule**

Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

**3:10 PM Break**

**3:20 PM S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals**

*Senate Education Amendment*

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
 Rosie Krueger, State Director of Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education  
 Breanna Parker, Legislative Fiscal Data Analyst , Joint Fiscal Office  
 Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**4:10 PM**     **S.88 - An act relating to insurance, banking, and securities**

*Committee Amendment*

**4:25 PM**     **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

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## Tuesday, April 27, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**     **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**     **Federal Link Up**

*PPP Taxation and Earned Income Tax Credit*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes  
 Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
 Karen Lafayette, Lobbyist, Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council

**2:50 PM**     **H.152 - An act relating to education property tax**

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
 Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
 Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:15 PM**     **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Committee Discussion*

**4:15 PM**     **S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals**

*Vote*

**4:30 PM H.433 - An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation**

*Sec 31: AOT Section 1111 Permit Amendment Fees*

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Chris Rupe, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**4:45 PM H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Committee Discussion*

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## Wednesday, April 28, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**15 Min After the Floor H.152 - An act relating to education property tax**

*Education Related Section*

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Mark-up and Possible Vote*

Christine Hallquist , Administrator, NEK Community Broadband

Irv Thomae, Former Chair, ECFiber

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## Thursday, April 29, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**

## Senate Floor

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### Friday, April 30, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** Senate Floor

**1:00 PM** H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment

*Mark-up and Possible Vote*

**3:30 PM** Break

**3:45 PM** H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment

Cliff Duncan, Owner, Duncan Cable TV

**4:00 PM** Senate Floor

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### Monday, May 3, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**12:00 PM** H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment

*Mark-up and Possible Vote*

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### Tuesday, May 4, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**11:00 AM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Mark-up and Possible Vote*

**12:50 PM** **Break**

**1:30 PM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Mark-up and Possible Vote*

Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**4:15 PM** **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment**

*Review Senator Brock's Amendment and Possible Vote*

Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor

Tom Evslin, Former Vermont Chief Recovery Officer, Co-founder of Broadband Equity Now

Mary Evslin, Volunteer, Broadband Equity NOW

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Breanna Parker, Legislative Fiscal Data Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

## Wednesday, May 5, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**12:45 PM**

**H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment***Walk-through and Vote*

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:25 PM**      **Break****2:30 PM**      **H.431 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects***Mark-up*

Andrea Cohen, Manager, Government Affairs and Member Relations, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

**3:30 PM**      **H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State***Committee Discussion, Mark-up and Possible Vote*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM**      **H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws***Walk-through*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:45 PM**      **H.360 - An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment***Vote***5:10 PM**      **Government Appointments***Margaret Cheney - Commissioner - Public Utility Commission*

Sen. Ruth Hardy

**Thursday, May 6, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record****10:00 AM Senate Floor****1:00 PM S.1 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement***House Proposal of Amendment*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Avram Patt, Reporter, House Energy and Technology

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Stored Solar

**1:10 PM H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws****1:10 - 1:30 H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**1:30 - 1:45 H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Stephen Monahan, Director Workers' Compensation and Safety Division, Department of Labor

**1:45 - 2:00 H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Melissa Corbin, Executive Director, Vermont Brewers Association

Jessica Oski, Lobbyist, Vermont Brewers Association

Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**1:55 - 2:00 H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

Carol Dawes, Legislative Chair, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association

**2:00 - 2:05 Section 9-10 - Current Use***Section 9-10 - Current Use*

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

**2:05 PM**

**H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

*Senator Hardy's Proposed Amendments*

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sponsor of Amendment

Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**2:15 - 2:30 H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

*Section 15 - Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Annual Reporting*

Christopher Curtis, Chief, Public Protection Division, Attorney General's Office

**2:20 H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

*Section 3 - Education Property Tax*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Jason Cadwell, CPA/PFS, CFP, Shelburne

**2:30 PM PPP Taxation**

*Committee Discussion*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Jason Cadwell, CPA/PFS, CFP, Shelburne

**2:45 PM Break****3:05 PM H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

*Sections 4-8 - Administration*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**3:15 PM H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

*Burlington Waterfront TIF District Audit Schedule*

Richard Haesler, Projects and Policy Specialist, Burlington

**4:00 PM H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

*Mark-up*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, May 7, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **H.135 - An act relating to the State Ethics Commission**

*Finance-related Sections*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Brenda Berry, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Administration

Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

**1:15 PM** **H.337 - An act relating to the printing and distribution of State publications**

*Finance-related Sections*

**H.313 - An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to alcoholic beverage laws**

*Finance-related Sections*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:45 PM** **Assign Governor's Appointees**

**2:00 PM** **H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.**

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and Recreation

**2:45 PM**

**H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws***Mark-up and Vote*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Richard Haesler, Projects and Policy Specialist, Burlington

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:15 PM H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State***Mark-up and Possible Vote*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM H.431 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects***Mark-up and Possible Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****1:30 PM H.289 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM H.431 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects***Standard Offer Program*

Sen. Christopher Bray, Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of Public Service

**2:45 PM H.431 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects***MacDonald Amendments*

Melissa Bailey, Manager of Government and Member Relations, VPPSA

Josh Castonguay, Vice President of Chief Innovation Executive & Power Supply, Green Mountain Power

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Craig Kieny, Power Supply Manager, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Sen. Mark A. MacDonald, Sponsor

**3:30 PM H.431 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects**

*Committee Questions*

Olivia Campbell Andersen, Renewable Energy Vermont

Anne Margolis, Deputy Planning Director, Department of Public Service

**4:15 PM H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.**

*Committee Discussion and Vote*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

## Wednesday, May 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*House Proposal of Amendment*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, Reporter, House Committee on Ways and Means

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:45 PM H.431 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects**

## Thursday, May 13, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**
- 1:30 PM**      **S.13 - An act relating to Pupil Weighting Factors Report**  
 Rep. Janet Ancel, Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means  
 Brad James, Finance Manager, Agency of Education  
 Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
- 2:10 PM**      **H.289 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**  
*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*  
 Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
 Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
 Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office
- 2:45 PM**      **H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State**  
 Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
 Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office  
 Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Friday, May 14, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**
- 1:00 PM**      **H.157 - An act relating to registration of construction contractors**  
*Finance-related Sections*  
 David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 1:45 PM**      **H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State**  
*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*  
 Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes  
 Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes  
 Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes  
 Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
 Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, Reporter, House Committee on Ways and Means  
 Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Monday, May 17, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**10 Min After the Floor or 1:30 PM H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State**

**Governor's Appointments**

**2:00 PM**

**H.431 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects***Perchlik Amendment***3:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

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**Wednesday, May 19, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor****1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor****5:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

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**Thursday, May 20, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor****11:00 AM**      **Governor's Appointments****11:10 AM**      **H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:45 PM**      **H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

**4:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**10 Mins After the  
Floor**      **H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

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## Friday, May 21, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:15 AM**      **H.436 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to Vermont's tax laws**

**9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

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## Tuesday, June 22, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Comments**      Joint Hearing with House Committee on Energy and Technology and the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee

### Meeting Record

**12:00 PM**

**DPS Presentation of the Final 10-Year Telecom Plan**

Corey Chase, Telecommunications Infrastructure Specialist, Department of Public Service

Matt Dunne, Founder and Executive Director, Rural Innovations

Joanne Hovis, President, CTC Technologies

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity, Department of Public Service

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

**1:00 PM      Legislator Comments, Q&A****1:30 PM      Public Comment**

*limited to five minutes per person*

Lauren-Glenn Davidian, Executive Director, CCTV Center for Media and Democracy

Cliff Duncan, Owner, Duncan Cable TV

Greg ElperWood, Citizen, Burlington

Christine Hallquist, Administrator, NEK Community Broadband

Stephen Whitaker, Advocate, Montpelier

**2:00 PM      Adjourn****Friday, October 15, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record****9:00 AM      Overview of Current Corporate Taxes**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**10:00 AM      Corporate Tax Changes As Proposed by the House**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Tom Kavet, Legislative Economist, Kavet, Rockler & Associates, LLC

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **Public Comments**

Janelle Cammenga, Policy Analyst, Tax Foundation  
 Bill Driscoll, Vice President, Associated Industries of Vermont  
 Bruce Fort, Senior Counsel, Multistate Tax Commission  
 Bram Kleppner, Commissioner, VT Tax Structure Commission  
 Michael Mazerov, Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

**2:45 PM**      **Multi-State Tax Agreement**

*Definition of Feminine Hygiene Products*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Wednesday, November 17, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Proposed Cloud Tax**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
 Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**11:00 AM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **Public Comment**

Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes  
 Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes  
 Bram Kleppner, Commissioner, VT Tax Structure Commission  
 Michael Knapp, Chief Executive Officer, Green River

**2:25 PM**      **Public Comment**

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Robbie Adler, Chief Strategy Officer, Faraday  
 Jeff Couture, Executive Director, Vermont Technology Alliance  
 Austin Davis, Government Affairs Manager, Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of

Commerce

**3:40 PM**     **Committee Discussion**

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## Tuesday, January 4, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**     **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**     **Committee Organization**

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## Wednesday, January 5, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**     **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**     **New Staff Introductions**

*JFO and Legislative Counsel*

Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Elizabeth St. James, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Patrick Titterton, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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

*Joint Assembly*

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## Thursday, January 6, 2022

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Pupil Weighting Study**

*Joint Meeting with Senate Committee on Education*

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Co-Chair

Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, Co-Chair

**2:30 PM** **Education Funding**

*December 1 Letter, Outlook, Pensions, Etc*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Jake Feldman, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Department of Taxes

Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Chris Rupe, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**Friday, January 7, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **How Multiple Income Sensitive Programs Trigger Higher Costs to the Unsuspecting**

Jason Cadwell, CPA/PFS, CFP, Shelburne

**2:00 PM** **Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules Issues**

*Stop Loss Issue*

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue  
Shield of Vermont

## Tuesday, January 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.161 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Ryegate Power Station

**2:30 PM** **Break**

**2:40 PM** **Health Care Marketplace Policy Change**

*Permanent Open Enrollment for Subsidy Eligible Vermonters*

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Sean Sheehan, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst, Department of Vermont  
Health Access

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue  
Shield of Vermont

**3:00 PM** **Gubernatorial Appointments**

**3:05 PM** **Agenda Planning**

*Committee Discussion*

**4:00 PM** **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, January 12, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Walk-through of House Proposal of Amendment regarding Corporate Taxes and Cloud Tax*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM** **S.169 - An act relating to education property tax overpayments by a municipality or school district**

*Walk-through*

Carol Dawes, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Barre City

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM** **Break**

**3:15 PM** **Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules Issues**

*Investment Advisor Code of Ethics and Policy on Vulnerable Adults*

William Carrigan, Deputy Commissioner of Securities, Department of Financial Regulation

**4:00 PM** **Pupil Weighting Study**

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Co-Chair, Task Force on the Implementation of the Pupil Weighting Factors Report

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## Thursday, January 13, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Cannabis Control Board Report**

Brynn Hare, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Board

**3:10 PM**      **Break**

**3:25 PM**      **Cannabis Control Board Report**

*Taxes and Fees*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**4:15 PM**      **S.152 - An act relating to the cannabis excise tax and local fees**

-      **S.154 - An act relating to cannabis excise tax revenue and the Vermont State Colleges**

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Friday, January 14, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:45 PM**      **S.215 - An act relating to the cannabis wholesale gross receipts tax**

Sen. Richard Westman, Sponsor

**2:10 PM**      **Break**

**2:15 PM**      **Review of Legislative Economist's Forecast**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:30 PM**

## Pupil Weightings

Brad James, Finance Manager, Agency of Education

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## Tuesday, January 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **Governor's FY2023 Proposed Budget**

*Joint Assembly*

**2:30 PM** **Blue Ribbon Tax Structure Commission**

*Recommendations*

Michael Costa, CEO, North Counties Health Care, Inc.

**3:15 PM** **The Impact of Pensions on the Education Fund**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Chris Rupe, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:50 PM** **Common Level of Appraisal**

Jake Feldman, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Department of Taxes

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

**4:15 PM** **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, January 19, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Captive Insurance Day**

Sandy Bigglestone, Director of Captive Insurance, Department of Financial Regulation  
Brittany Nevins, Captive Insurance Economic Development Director, Vermont  
Department of Economic Development  
Gail Newman, Vice President of Risk Management, Bright Horizons (Captive Owner)  
David Provost, Deputy Commissioner, Captive Insurance Division, Department of  
Financial Regulation  
Richard Smith, President, Vermont Captive Insurance Association

**2:15 PM**      **Governor's Tax Proposals**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**3:25 PM**      **Break**

**3:35 PM**      **Tax Expenditures**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Patrick Titterton, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**4:05 PM**      **S.169 - An act relating to education property tax overpayments by a municipality or school district**

*Discussion and Possible Vote*

Tim Ashe, Deputy State Auditor, State Auditor's Office  
Brad James, Finance Manager, Agency of Education  
Tanya Morehouse, Chief Auditor, State Auditor's Office

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## Thursday, January 20, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Vermont Community Broadband Board**

*Update*

Christine Hallquist , Executive Director, Vermont Community Broadband Board

**2:30 PM**      **Break**

**2:45 PM**      **Broadband Update and Radio Towers Proposal**

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity, Department of Public Service

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

**3:40 PM**      **S.167 - An act relating to modernizing State telecommunications policy**

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:42 PM**      **Break**

**3:45 PM**      **S.161 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Discussion and Possible Vote*

Barry Bernstein, Past President, Board of Directors, Washington Electric Coop

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Craig Kieny, Power Supply Manager, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Stephen Knowlton, President, Board of Directors, Washington Electric Coop

Brett Long, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Economic Development

TJ Poor, Director of Planning, Department of Public Service

Doug Smith, Chief Public Supply Executive, Green Mountain Power

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Ryegate Power Station

## Friday, January 21, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM Tax Structure Commission***Property/School Tax Recommendations*

Deb Brighton, Commissioner, Tax Structure Commission

**2:45 PM S.212 - An act relating to income-based education funding***Walk-through*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:25 AM Break****3:30 PM S.169 - An act relating to education property tax overpayments by a municipality or school district***Discussion and Vote*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Tuesday, January 25, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard**Meeting Record****9:30 AM Senate Floor****1:30 PM S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws***Corporate Income Tax Discussion*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:10 PM S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws***Mark-up and Possible Vote*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:50 PM Break**

**3:00 PM K-12 Education Financing Flow Chart**

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Co-Chair, Task Force on the Implementation of the Pupil Weighting Factors Report

**3:30 PM Education Fund - Big Picture**

Catherine Benham, Chief Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

**4:00 PM S.210 - An act relating to rental housing health and safety and affordable housing**

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sen. Michael Sirotkin, Sponsor

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****1:00 PM Senate Floor****1:30 PM Study of Pupil Weights in Vermont's Education Funding Formula**

Tammy Kolbe, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, College of Education and Social Services, University of Vermont

**2:30 PM S.269 - An act relating to extending the Energy Savings Account Partnership Pilot Program**

*Walk-through*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mary Jo Krolewski, Utility Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Dan Reilly, Director of Public Affairs, Efficiency Vermont

David Westman, Director of Regulatory and State Agency Affairs, Efficiency Vermont

**3:30 PM**

**S.161 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement***Discussion and Possible Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:45 PM**      **Break**

**4:00 PM**      **S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information**

*Walk-through*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM**      **S.253 - An act relating to the management of perpetual care funds by cemetery associations**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Thursday, January 27, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.214 - An act relating to valuation for purposes of the education property tax**

*Introduction and Walk-through*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Richard Westman, Sponsor

**2:15 PM**

**S.261 - An act relating to municipal retention of property tax collections and valuation for purposes of the education property tax**

*Introduction, Walk-through and Testimony*

Carol Dawes, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association

Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM**      **Break**

**3:10 PM**      **S.253 - An act relating to the management of perpetual care funds by cemetery associations**

Sen. Kesha Ram Hinsdale, Sponsor

**3:20 PM**      **State Revenues and Expenses over the Long Term**

Sarah Clark, Deputy Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:55 PM**      **Bills in Committee**

*Committee Discussion*

**4:10 PM**      **S.161 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Discuss Proposal to Extend Contract 1 Year*

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, Ryegate Power Station

## Friday, January 28, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.152 - An act relating to the cannabis excise tax and local fees**

*Introduction*

Sen. Jeanette K. White, Sponsor

**1:45 PM S.154 - An act relating to cannabis excise tax revenue and the Vermont State Colleges**

*Introduction*

Sen. Philip Baruth, Sponsor

**2:00 PM S.152 - An act relating to the cannabis excise tax and local fees**

**S.154 - An act relating to cannabis excise tax revenue and the Vermont State Colleges**

Brynn Hare, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Board

**2:30 PM S.215 - An act relating to the cannabis wholesale gross receipts tax**

*Excise Tax*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**3:00 PM Health Care Merged Market Issues**

Betsy Bishop, President, Vermont Chamber of Commerce

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue  
Shield of Vermont

**3:30 PM Pupil Weights vs Cost Equity Grants**

*Committee Discussion*

## Tuesday, February 1, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Corporate Income Taxes*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, Reporter, House Committee on Ways and Means

Stephanie Yu, Deputy Director, Public Assets Institute

**2:45 PM**     **Break**

**3:00 PM**     **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Committee Discussion*

**3:15 PM**     **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Corporate Income Taxes - National Perspective*

Bruce Fort, Advisor, Multistate Tax Commission

**3:45 PM**     **Vermont's Legal Cannabis Law**

Colin Reynolds, Chief Executive Officer, Elmore Mountain Therapeutics

**4:15 PM**     **Chairs' Meeting**

## Wednesday, February 2, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**     **Senate Floor**

**1:45 PM**     **Pupil Weights vs Cost Equity Grants**

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

Dan French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Brad James, Finance Manager, Agency of Education

Stephanie Yu, Deputy Director, Public Assets Institute

**3:00 PM**     **Break**

**3:15 PM Pupil Weights vs Cost Equity Grants**

Brad James, Finance Manager, Agency of Education

Sonya Spaulding, Chair, Barre Unified Union School District Board

John Stroup, School Board Chair, Addison Northwest School District

**4:00 PM S.253 - An act relating to the management of perpetual care funds by cemetery associations**

*Testimony and Possible Vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer

Peter Richardson, Trustee, Morningside Cemetery Association

Rep. Michael Yantachka, Morningside Cemetery Association, Charlotte/Hinesburg

**Thursday, February 3, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****1:00 PM Senate Floor****2:45 PM S.214 - An act relating to valuation for purposes of the education property tax**

Josh Hanford, Commissioner, Department of Housing and Community Development

Jim Mazur, President, Smugglers' Notch Shareowner Association

Tom Vickery, Appraiser, Lamoille County

**4:00 PM S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information**

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, Department of Financial Regulation

Debra Leonard, Chief of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, UVM Larner College of Medicine and UVM Health Network

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor, Chittenden County

David Rengachary, Medical Director, American Council of Life Insurers

Jill Rickard, Regional Vice President, American Council of Life Insurers

Robert Wildin, Associate Professor and Associate Medical Director of the Genomic Medicine Laboratory, UVM Larner College of Medicine and UVM Health Network

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## Friday, February 4, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Corporate Minimum Taxes*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**2:00 PM** **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Corporate Income Taxes and Impact on State Revenues*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:30 PM** **Pupil Weights vs Cost Equity Grants**

Libby Bonesteel, Superintendent of Schools, Montpelier Roxbury Public Schools

Jennifer Botzjoorns, Superintendent, Kingdom East Supervisory District

Peter Burrows, Superintendent, Addison Central School District

Lynn Cota, Superintendent, Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents Association

Emilie Knisley, Superintendent, Orange East Supervisory Union

Zach McLaughlin, Superintendent, Springfield School District

David Young, Superintendent, South Burlington Supervisory District

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## Tuesday, February 8, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

- 1:30 PM**     **H.367 - An act relating to the management of perpetual care funds by cemetery associations**
- **S.253 - An act relating to the management of perpetual care funds by cemetery associations**
- Committee Discussion*
- Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 1:50 PM**     **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**
- Mark-up and Vote*
- Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 3:10 PM**     **S.255 - An act relating to regulating consumer fees for communications equipment**
- Introduction and Walk-through*
- Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor  
Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 3:25 PM**     **S.233 - An act relating to the Clean Heat Standard**
- Introduction and Walk-through*
- Sen. Christopher Bray, Sponsor  
Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 3:40 PM**     **S.261 - An act relating to municipal retention of property tax collections and valuation for purposes of the education property tax**
- Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 4:30 PM**     **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, February 9, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**
- 2:00 PM**      **S.214 - An act relating to valuation for purposes of the education property tax**  
                   Dominic DeCarlo, President, Tamaracks III, Smugglers Notch  
                   Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes  
                   Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, American Resort Development Association
- 3:00 PM**      **Final Report from the Task Force on the Implementation of the Pupil Weightings Factors**  
                   *Appendices 8 and 11*  
                   Brad James, Finance Manager, Agency of Education
- 3:45 PM**      **Final Report from the Task Force on the Implementation of the Pupil Weightings Factors**  
                   *Transitioning the Education Fund*  
                   Catherine Benham, Chief Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office  
                   Brad James, Finance Manager, Agency of Education
- 4:15 PM**      **S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information**  
                   *Committee Discussion*

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**Thursday, February 10, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**
- 1:30 PM**      **S.287 - An act relating to improving student equity by adjusting the school funding formula and providing education quality and funding oversight**  
                   *Walk-through*  
                   James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
                   Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sponsor

- 3:00 PM**      **Break**
- 3:15 PM**      **Pupil Weights vs Cost Equity Grants**  
                   Marc Schaubert, Executive Director, The Coalition for Vermont Student Equity
- 3:30 PM**      **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**  
                   Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes  
                   Bill Driscoll, Vice President, Associated Industries of Vermont
- 4:25 PM**      **S.166 - An act relating to utility construction worksites and consumer protection**  
                   *Walk-through*  
                   Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

## Friday, February 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**
- 1:30 PM**      **Our Voices Exposed (OVX)**  
                   Kaley Mola, Sophomore, Twin Valley Middle High School  
                   Shelley Park, OVX Advisor, Twin Valley Union High School  
                   Catherine Thomas, Senior, Twin Valley Middle High School
- 1:50 PM**      **Governor's Appointments**
- 2:00 PM**      **S.269 - An act relating to extending the Energy Savings Account Partnership Pilot Program**  
                   *Update*  
                   Janette Bombardier, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Technology Officer, Chroma Technology and 89 North  
                   Tayt Brooks, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development  
                   Mark Cline, Regional General Manager, WestRock

TJ Poor, Director of Planning, Department of Public Service

Dan Reilly, Director of Public Affairs, Efficiency Vermont

Matthew Wells, Regional Manager, State Government Relations, WestRock

David Westman, Director of Regulatory and State Agency Affairs, Efficiency Vermont

**3:00 PM S.255 - An act relating to regulating consumer fees for communications equipment**

Christopher Curtis, Chief, Public Protection Division, Attorney General's Office

Christine Hallquist, Executive Director, Vermont Community Broadband Board

Jim Porter, Director for Public Advocacy, Department of Public Service

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity, Department of Public Service

Zachary Tomanelli, Communications and Technology Director, VPIRG

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## Tuesday, February 15, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Mark-up and Vote*

Kathryn Michaelis, Attorney, Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.C.

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM S.214 - An act relating to valuation for purposes of the education property tax**

*Testimony, Mark-up and Possible Vote*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Tom Vickery, Appraiser, Lamoille County

**3:30 PM S.261 - An act relating to municipal retention of property tax collections and valuation for purposes of the education property tax**

*Review Draft Rewrite of the Statute*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:15 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, February 16, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**2:00 PM**      **S.287 - An act relating to improving student equity by adjusting the school funding formula and providing education quality and funding oversight**

Catherine Benham, Chief Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

**3:00 PM**      **Break**

**3:15 PM**      **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Sections 14 and 15 Military Retirement Income Tax Exemption*

Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, Reporter, House Committee on Ways and Means

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Patrick Titterton, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**S.227 - An act relating to an income tax exemption for federal Civil Service Retirement System income**

*Walk-through*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM**      **S.287 - An act relating to improving student equity by adjusting the school funding formula and providing education quality and funding oversight**

Dan French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Brad James, Finance Manager, Agency of Education

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## Thursday, February 17, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**2:00 PM** **S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information**

*Testimony, Mark-up and Possible Vote*

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, Department of Financial Regulation

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jill Rickard, Regional Vice President, American Council of Life Insurers

Deborah Vandommele, Medical Director, American Council of Life Insurers

Jason Williams, Director of Government and Community Relations, University of Vermont Medical Center

**3:00 PM** **Break**

**3:15 PM** **S.166 - An act relating to utility construction worksites and consumer protection**

Christopher Curtis, Chief, Public Protection Division, Attorney General's Office

Christine Hallquist, Executive Director, Vermont Community Broadband Board

Kyle Landis-Marinello, General Counsel, Public Utility Commission

Jim Porter, Director for Public Advocacy, Department of Public Service

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, February 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.212 - An act relating to income-based education funding**

Deb Brighton, Consultant, Joint Fiscal Office

Jordan Gianconia, Public Policy Manager, Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Stephanie Yu, Deputy Director, Public Assets Institute

**3:00 PM S.227 - An act relating to an income tax exemption for federal Civil Service Retirement System income**

Fred Dunn, Treasurer, Vermont Federation, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

Mary Nadeau, President, Vermont Federation, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

**S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Sections 14 and 15 Military Retirement Income Tax Exemption*

Chris Carrigan, Vice President of Business Development, Vermont Chamber of Commerce

**3:30 PM H.367 - An act relating to the management of perpetual care funds by cemetery associations**

*Mark-up and Vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:45 PM S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information**

*Committee Discussion*

## Tuesday, February 22, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** Senate Floor

**1:30 PM**

**S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**

*Finance Section(s)*

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Reporter, Senate Committee on Agriculture

**1:50 PM S.227 - An act relating to an income tax exemption for federal Civil Service Retirement System income**

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson

**2:00 PM S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Sections 14 and 15 Military Retirement Income Tax Exemption*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Sen. Randy Brock

Dave Fabricius, Chief, Plans and Operations Officer for Camp Ethan Allen Training Site

Lindsay Kurrle, Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Jim Mazzonna, Owner, DeBanville's General Store and Cafe, Bloomfield, VT

Kim Siner, Former Command Chief Warrant Officer, Computer Network Defense Team Chief

**3:00 PM Break****3:15 PM S.261 - An act relating to municipal retention of property tax collections and valuation for purposes of the education property tax**

*Strike-All Amendment*

*Review and Possible Vote*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM S.214 - An act relating to valuation for purposes of the education property tax**

*Valuation of Time-Share Estates Across States*

*Town Appeals*

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

**4:00 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.161 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Committee Discussion*

**2:00 PM** **S.287 - An act relating to improving student equity by adjusting the school funding formula and providing education quality and funding oversight**

*Mark-up*

Thomas Candon, Member, Norwich School Board  
Anore Horton, Executive Director, Hunger Free Vermont  
Brad James, Finance Manager, Agency of Education  
Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:30 PM** **Break**

**3:50 PM** **S.269 - An act relating to extending the Energy Savings Account Partnership Pilot Program**

*Mark-up and Possible Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM** **S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**

*Testimony and Possible Vote*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Graham Unangst-Rufenacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

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**Thursday, February 24, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor****2:00 PM**      **S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information***Mark-up and Vote*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jill Rickard, Regional Vice President, American Council of Life Insurers

**2:30 PM**      **S.166 - An act relating to utility construction worksites and consumer protection***Testimony and Mark-up*

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Kevin Gaffney, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation, Insurance  
Division

Amber Hoyt, Co-owner, Organic Dairy Farm, Tunbridge

Scott Hoyt, Co-owner, Organic Dairy Farm, Tunbridge

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM**      **Break****3:45 PM**      **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws***Strike-All Amendment Possible Vote*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State***Walk-through and Review*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Friday, February 25, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record**

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.287 - An act relating to improving student equity by adjusting the school funding formula and providing education quality and funding oversight**

*Review and Vote*

James DesMarais, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM**      **H.701 - An act relating to cannabis license fees and the regulation of the medical cannabis registry**

*Walk-through and Possible Vote*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Brynn Hare, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Board

Nicholas Schuermann, Executive Director, Vermont NORML

**4:20 PM**      **S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information**

*Vote*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

## Tuesday, March 8, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM**      **S.214 - An act relating to valuation for purposes of the education property tax**

*Testimony, Redraft and Possible Vote*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lisa Wright, President, Vermont Assessors and Listers Association

**2:30 PM**      **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Discussion of Military Retirement Benefits and Possible Vote*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:50 PM**     **S.287 - An act relating to improving student equity by adjusting the school funding formula and providing education quality and funding oversight**

*Committee Discussion*

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sponsor

Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

## Wednesday, March 9, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM**     **S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:45 PM**     **S.287 - An act relating to improving student equity by adjusting the school funding formula and providing education quality and funding oversight**

*Vote*

**2:00 PM**     **S.269 - An act relating to extending the Energy Savings Account Partnership Pilot Program**

*Testimony and Possible Vote*

Tayt Brooks, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

TJ Poor, Director of Planning, Department of Public Service

Dan Reilly, Director of Public Affairs, Efficiency Vermont

David Westman, Director of Regulatory and State Agency Affairs, Efficiency Vermont

**2:45 PM**     **S.161 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Testimony and Possible Vote*

Rachel Smolker, Co-Director, Biofuelwatch

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Ryegate Power Station

**3:15 PM**     **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM**      **Break**

**4:10 PM**      **S.166 - An act relating to utility construction worksites and consumer protection**

*Testimony and Possible Vote*

F.X. Flynn, Chair, ECFiber

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Irv Thomae, Former Chair, ECFiber

**5:00 PM**      **S.214 - An act relating to valuation for purposes of the education property tax**

*Testimony and Vote*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**5:30 PM**      **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Vote*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, March 10, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**3:00 PM**      **S.269 - An act relating to extending the Energy Savings Account Partnership Pilot Program**

*Discussion and Possible Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:55 PM H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State***Discussion and Possible Vote*

Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Peter Tucker, Advocacy & Public Policy Director, Vermont Association of Realtors

**4:45 PM H.701 - An act relating to cannabis license fees and the regulation of the medical cannabis registry***Amendment*

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Friday, March 11, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**11:00 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM S.166 - An act relating to utility construction worksites and consumer protection**

Kyle Landis-Marinello, General Counsel, Public Utility Commission

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM S.161 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*ACCD Ryegate Report, Discussion and Possible Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Ken Jones, Economic Research Analyst, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

**3:15 PM Break**

**3:30 PM S.161 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:40 PM**      **S.53 - An act relating to changes to Vermont corporate income tax and conformity to federal tax laws**

*Amendment*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, March 15, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM**      **S.239 - An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance policies**

*Walk-through and Possible Vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Elizabeth Lively, Eastern Region Advocacy Director, Dialysis Patient Citizens

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue  
Shield of Vermont

**2:45 PM**      **S.234 - An act relating to changes to Act 250**

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:05 PM**      **S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments**

*Walk-through and Possible Vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Patrick Titterton, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:30 PM**      **H.461 - An act relating to excluding the income of asylum seekers and refugees from household income**

Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:40 PM H.510 - An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, March 16, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM S.226 - An act relating to expanding access to safe and affordable housing**

*Walk-through, Testimony and Possible Vote*

Chris Cochran, Director of Community Planning & Revitalization, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Maura Collins, Executive Director, Vermont Housing Finance Agency

Caitlin Corkins, Tax Credit and Historic Grants Specialist, Division for Historic Preservation, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Benjamin Doyle, President, Preservation Trust of Vermont

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Patrick Titterton, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:00 PM S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments**

*Committee Discussion and Vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**3:45 PM Break**

**4:00 PM**

**S.239 - An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance policies***Discussion and Vote*

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:45 PM S.195 - An act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists***Walk-through, Discussion and Vote*

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Thursday, March 17, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM FY23 Base Budget Need**

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations

**2:15 PM H.556 - An act relating to exempting property owned by Vermont-recognized Native American tribes from property tax**

*Walk-through*

Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:40 PM Break**

**3:00 PM**

**H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State***Committee Discussion*

Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Chris Carrigan, Vice President of Business Development, Vermont Chamber of  
Commerce

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:15 PM**      **S.269 - An act relating to extending the Energy Savings Account Partnership Pilot Program**

*Review of Brock Amendment*

**4:20 AM**      **H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State**

*Discussion Continued*

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**Friday, March 18, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.239 - An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance policies**

*Discuss Amendment and Vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:45 PM**      **S.204 - An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers**

*Walk-through Finance Sections and Vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM**      **S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments**

*Discussion and Vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**2:55 PM**      **Break**

**3:15 PM**      **S.281 - An act relating to hunting coyotes with dogs**

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:25 PM**      **S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments**

*Vote on Amendment*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM**      **S.204 - An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers**

*Vote on Amendment and Bill*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, March 22, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM**      **H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation**

*Walk-through*

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM**      **H.510 - An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion**

*Presentation on Child Tax Credits*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:00 PM**      **H.627 - An act relating to the Vermont Economic Development Authority**

Maura Collins, Executive Director, Vermont Housing Finance Agency

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Cassie Polhemus, Chief Executive Officer, Vermont Economic Development Authority

**3:30 PM Revenues and Taxes**

*Presentation*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**4:00 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, March 23, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**3:00 PM H.510 - An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Christine FitzPatrick, Director of Policy Integration, AARP

Julie Lowell, Policy Analyst, Public Assets Institute

**3:45 PM H.556 - An act relating to exempting property owned by Vermont-recognized Native American tribes from property tax**

Doug Bent, Member of Koasek Tribe, Board Member, Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs

Rich Holschuh, Citizen of and Spokesperson for, the Elnu Abenaki Tribe

Richard Menard, Chief, Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

Don Stevens, Chief, Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-Abenaki Nation

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## Thursday, March 24, 2022

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

Today's Hearing has been Rescheduled to Thursday March 31

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**Friday, March 25, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**11:30 PM** **Senate Floor**

**3:00 PM** **H.556 - An act relating to exempting property owned by Vermont-recognized Native American tribes from property tax**

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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**Tuesday, March 29, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:30 PM** **H.627 - An act relating to the Vermont Economic Development Authority**

*VEDA Update and Vote*

Cassie Polhemus, Chief Executive Officer, Vermont Economic Development Authority

**2:45 PM** **Review Governor's Tax Proposals in House Bills**

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:10 PM Potential Revenue Sources**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**4:00 PM H.556 - An act relating to exempting property owned by Vermont-recognized Native American tribes from property tax**

*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

**Wednesday, March 30, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****1:00 PM Senate Floor****3:00 PM H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation**

*Testimony, Discussion and Possible Vote*

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue  
Shield of Vermont

**4:00 PM Montpelier TIF District**

Bill Fraser, City Manager, Montpelier

Abbie Sherman, Executive Director, Vermont Economic Progress Council

**Thursday, March 31, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**12:30 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**2:15 PM**      **H.515 - An act relating to banking, insurance, and securities**

Kevin Gaffney, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation, Insurance Division

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

David Provost, Deputy Commissioner, Captive Insurance Division, Department of Financial Regulation

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

## Friday, April 1, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **H.159 - An act relating to community and economic development and workforce revitalization**

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM**      **H.461 - An act relating to excluding the income of asylum seekers and refugees from household income**

Hope Crifo, President, Central Vermont Refugee Action Network

Tracy Dolan, Director, State Refugee Office, Agency of Human Services

Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM**      **H.737 - An act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and the nonhomestead property tax rate**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, April 5, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

- 1:30 PM** **H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws**  
Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 2:30 PM** **H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation**  
Michael Barber, General Counsel, Green Mountain Care Board  
Betsy Bishop, President, Vermont Chamber of Commerce  
Sean Sheehan, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst, Agency of Human Services
- 3:35 PM** **Cloud Tax as Proposed by the House**  
Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Megan Sullivan, Vice President of Government Affairs, Vermont Chamber of Commerce
- 3:55 PM** **H.461 - An act relating to excluding the income of asylum seekers and refugees from household income**  
*Possible Vote*

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## Wednesday, April 6, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

- 1:30 PM** **H.159 - An act relating to community and economic development and workforce revitalization**  
*Possible Vote*
- 1:50 PM** **H.159 - An act relating to community and economic development and workforce**

**revitalization***Montpelier TIF District and Mini-TIFs*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Abbie Sherman, Executive Director, Vermont Economic Progress Council

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Thursday, April 7, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:55 PM** **H.437 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State**

*Committee Discussion*

**2:40 PM** **H.515 - An act relating to banking, insurance, and securities**

*DFR Annuity Report*

Mary Block, Senior Life Insurance Specialist, Department of Financial Regulation

Kevin Gaffney, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation, Insurance Division

**3:35 PM** **Break**

**3:45 PM** **Department of Financial Regulation Fees**

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

**4:25 PM** **Potential Revenue Sources - Sugar Sweetened Beverages**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Patrick Titterton, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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## Friday, April 8, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **State and Local Tax Workaround**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM** **H.737 - An act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and the nonhomestead property tax rate**

*MacDonald Amendment*

Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:10 PM** **H.159 - An act relating to community and economic development and workforce revitalization**

*Possible Vote*

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:35 PM** **Revenue and Revenue Options**

*Committee Discussion*

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## Tuesday, April 12, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM**

**Revenue and Revenue Options**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:30 PM**      **Break**

**2:45 PM**      **H.510 - An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**4:30 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **H.655 - An act relating to telehealth licensure and registration and to provisional licensure for professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

*Walk-through*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:15 PM**      **H.510 - An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion**

*Testimony on Possible Iterations and Committee Discussion*

Rep. Janet Ancel, Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means

Catherine Benham, Chief Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

**2:45 PM**      **Break**

**3:00 PM**     **H.510 - An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion**

*Testimony on Possible Iterations and Committee Discussion*

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

## Thursday, April 14, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**     **Senate Floor**

**1:55 PM**     **H.515 - An act relating to banking, insurance, and securities**

*Amendments and Possible Vote*

Emily Kisicki, Director of Policy, Department of Financial Regulation

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM**     **H.510 - An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:55 PM**     **Break**

**3:05 PM**     **H.729 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures**

*Walk-through and Possible Vote*

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM**     **Break**

**3:45 PM**     **H.510 - An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion**

## Friday, April 15, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **H.736 - An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation**

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Chris Rupe, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:05 PM** **H.510 - An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion**

*Review and Vote*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

## Tuesday, April 19, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM** **H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws**

*Deputy Commissioner Sameroff - Introduction*

*Ashlyn Doyon- 10% for Vermont and Children's Trust Fund*

*Christine Hallquist - Request*

Ashlynn Doyon, Director of Financial Literacy, Outreach, and Special Projects, Office of the State Treasurer

Christine Hallquist, Executive Director, Vermont Community Broadband Board

Stan Macel, Staff Attorney, Vermont Community Broadband Board

Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**2:25 PM**

**Break****3:00 PM H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws***Erik Fitzpatrick - Life Estates**Rebecca Sameroff - Life Estates and Property Transfer Tax**Christopher Herrick -Fish and Wildlife**Michael O'Grady - Fishing, Hunting, Trapping Licenses*

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Christopher Herrick, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**4:00 PM Senate Floor****Wednesday, April 20, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard**Meeting Record****1:00 PM Senate Floor****3:00 PM Current Economic Conditions**

Tom Kavet, Legislative Economist, Kavet, Rockler &amp; Associates, LLC

**3:15 PM H.510 - An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion***Testimony, Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

**4:15 PM SALT Amendment to H.159**

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, April 21, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **H.510 - An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion**

*Discussion and Possible Vote*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:55 PM** **Break**

**2:25 PM** **H.737 - An act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and the nonhomestead property tax rate**

Rep. Scott Beck, Reporter, House Committee on Ways and Means

Sen. Brian Campion, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

**3:10 PM** **H.729 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures**

*Testimony and Possible Vote*

Sen. Brian Campion, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

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## Friday, April 22, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**2:10 PM** **H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws**

*Vermont Community Broadband Board's Request*

Christine Hallquist , Executive Director, Vermont Community Broadband Board

Stan Macel, Staff Attorney, Vermont Community Broadband Board

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM**     **H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws**

*Briglin Proposal*

Rep. Timothy Briglin, Sponsor

## Tuesday, April 26, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**     **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**     **H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation**

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

Sean Sheehan, Special Projects Director, Agency of Human Services

**3:10 PM**     **Gubernatorial Appointments**

*Tom Leavitt - Vermont Housing Finance Agency Board*

*Fred Baser - Vermont Housing Finance Agency Board*

*Rile Allen - Public Utility Commission*

*Peter Gregory - State Infrastructure Bond Bank*

*Karyn Hale - Vermont Economic Development Association Board*

*Caroline Carpenter - Vermont Economic Development Association Board*

**4:30 PM**     **Chairs' Meeting**

## Wednesday, April 27, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**
- 1:45 PM**      **H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation**  
*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*  
Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 2:30 PM**      **Break**
- 3:00 PM**      **H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws**  
*E911 Funding Proposal*  
Sarah Davis, Senior Director Government Relations and Wholesale Strategies, Consolidated Communications  
Doug Farnham, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Administration  
Kim Gates, Controller, Franklin Telephone and Independent Telephone Companies  
Barb Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board  
Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity, Department of Public Service  
Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service
- 3:45 PM**      **Break**
- 4:00 PM**      **H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws**  
*Review of Proposed Amendments*  
Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Thursday, April 28, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****10:00 AM**

**Senate Floor****1:50 PM H.737 - An act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and the nonhomestead property tax rate***Committee Discussion*

Libby Bonesteel, Superintendent of Schools, Montpelier Roxbury Public Schools  
 Rep. Erin Brady, Member, House Committee on Education  
 Jeff Francis, Executive Director, Vermont Superintendents Association  
 Anore Horton, Executive Director, Hunger Free Vermont  
 Rep. Kathryn Webb, Chair, House Committee on Education

**3:20 PM H.737 - An act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and the nonhomestead property tax rate***Update on the Education Fund*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
 Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**4:10 PM H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation***Discussion and Possible Vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:25 PM Gubernatorial Appointments***Riley Allen - Public Utility Commission - Side Member*

Riley Allen

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**Friday, April 29, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM Senate Floor**

**2:30 PM H.716 - An act relating to making miscellaneous changes in education law**

*Walk-through of Finance Sections*

Sen. Thomas Chittenden, Member, Senate Committee on Education  
Elizabeth St. James, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- 2:50 PM**     **H.175 - An act relating to the beverage container redemption system**  
*Review of Finance Sections*  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 3:40 PM**     **H.518 - An act relating to municipal energy resilience initiatives**  
*Review of Finance Sections*  
Sarah Clark, Deputy Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 4:00 PM**     **H.737 - An act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and the nonhomestead property tax rate**  
Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

## Tuesday, May 3, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

- 10:00 AM**     **Senate Floor**
- 1:50 PM**     **H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**  
*Walk-through of Finance Sections*  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Thomas Weiss, Resident, Montpelier
- 2:30 PM**     **H.175 - An act relating to the beverage container redemption system**  
Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group  
Matthew Chapman, Director, Waste Management Protection Division, Agency of Natural Resources  
Kim Crosby, Environmental Compliance Officer, Casella Waste Management  
John Leddy, Executive Director, Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Erin Sigrist, President, Vermont Retail & Grocers Association

**3:50 PM H.572 - An act relating to the retirement allowance for interim educators**

Tim Duggan, Director of Vermont Retirement Systems, Office of the State Treasurer

Chris Rupe, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:25 PM H.175 - An act relating to the beverage container redemption system**

*Fiscal Note*

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**4:35 PM H.518 - An act relating to municipal energy resilience initiatives**

Sen. Christopher Bray, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

Erik Filkorn, Principal Assistant, Department of Buildings and General Services

Brian Sewell, State Energy Management Program Coordinator, Department of Buildings and General Services

**4:55 PM H.466 - An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers**

*Review of Finance Sections and Vote*

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**5:00 PM H.572 - An act relating to the retirement allowance for interim educators**

*Vote*

**5:20 PM H.716 - An act relating to making miscellaneous changes in education law**

*Review Fiscal Note and Possible Vote*

Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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## Wednesday, May 4, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

- 10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**
- 2:45 PM**      **H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws**  
*Vermont League of Cities and Towns Request*  
Joe Damiata, Director of Risk Management Services, Vermont League of Cities and Towns  
Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns
- 3:05 PM**      **Review of S.287**  
Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sponsor
- 3:15 PM**      **H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws**  
*Vermont Community Broadband Board Request*  
Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 3:45 PM**      **Feedback on S.269 - Energy Savings Account Partnership Pilot Program**  
Sarah Phillips, Director, Office of Economic Opportunity, Department for Children and Families
- 3:55 PM**      **H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws**  
*Committee Discussion and Review Amendments*  
Mike Ferrant, Director of Operations, Office of Legislative Operations  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 4:45 PM**      **H.697 - An act relating to eligibility of reserve forestland for enrollment in the Use Value Appraisal Program**  
*Walk-through of Finance Sections*  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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## Thursday, May 5, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **H.716 - An act relating to making miscellaneous changes in education law**

*Vote*

Elizabeth St. James, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:45 PM**      **H.518 - An act relating to municipal energy resilience initiatives**

*Vote*

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM**      **H.730 - An act relating to alcoholic beverages and the Department of Liquor and Lottery**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Wendy Knight, Commissioner, Department of Liquor and Lottery

**3:00 PM**      **H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws**

*Montpelier's Request*

Bill Fraser, City Manager, Montpelier

Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

Tanya Morehouse, Chief Auditor, State Auditor's Office

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM**      **H.737 - An act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and the nonhomestead property tax rate**

*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Sen. Brian Campion, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:15 PM**      **Break**

**4:45 PM**      **H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Trini Brassard, Assistant Director, Agency of Transportation

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- 5:00 PM**      **H.446 - An act relating to miscellaneous natural resources and development subjects**  
*Review of Finance Sections and Vote*  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 5:15 PM**      **H.697 - An act relating to eligibility of reserve forestland for enrollment in the Use Value Appraisal Program**  
*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*  
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 5:20 PM**      **Break**
- 5:35 PM**      **H.737 - An act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and the nonhomestead property tax rate**  
*Committee Discussion and Vote*  
Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Julia Richter, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, May 6, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **H.512 - An act relating to modernizing land records and notarial acts law**

*Review of Finance Sections*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:00 PM**      **Review House Proposal of Amendments for S.161 and S.269**

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Joan Goldstein, Commissioner, Department of Economic Development

**2:50 PM H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects***Review Amendment and Vote*

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM Review House Proposal of Amendment for S.261**

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws***Vote*

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:45 PM H.730 - An act relating to alcoholic beverages and the Department of Liquor and Lottery***Review Updated Fiscal Note and Vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Wendy Knight, Commissioner, Department of Liquor and Lottery

**H.745 - An act relating to the approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of Montgomery***Review Finance Sections and Vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Monday, May 9, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard**Meeting Record****10:00 AM Senate Floor****2:00 PM**

**H.559 - An act relating to workers' compensation**

Dirk Anderson, Director of Workers' Compensation and Safety, Department of Labor

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM      S.161 - An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement**

*House Proposal of Amendment and MacDonald Amendment*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

**3:00 PM      H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation**

*House Proposal of Amendment to the Senate Proposal of Amendment*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM      Senate Floor**

## Tuesday, May 10, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM      H.737 - An act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and the nonhomestead property tax rate**

*Committee Discussion*

**10:00 AM      Senate Floor**

**1:40 PM      H.559 - An act relating to workers' compensation**

Michael Harrington, Commissioner, Department of Labor

**2:15 PM      H.244 - An act relating to authorizing the natural organic reduction of human remains**

*Finance Sections*

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:20 PM      Gubernatorial Appointments**

*Mark Foley Jr, VT Municipal Bond Bank*

**2:30 PM      Break**

**2:45 PM      S.33 - An act relating to project-based tax increment financing districts**

*Finance Sections*

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

## Wednesday, May 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM      Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM      Gubernatorial Appointments**

*Anita Bourgeois, VT Ed & Health Buildings*

**1:45 PM      S.33 - An act relating to project-based tax increment financing districts**

Tim Ashe, Deputy State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Tanya Morehouse, Chief Auditor, State Auditor's Office

Abbie Sherman, Executive Director, Vermont Economic Progress Council

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

## Thursday, May 12, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**4:20 PM**      **H.738 - An act relating to technical and administrative changes to Vermont's tax laws**

*House Proposal of Amendment*

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Friday, May 13, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**