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Legislative Prep 2015 Brainstorm Interagency Issues

Key Partners:

Human Resources/Employment/Labor/Government Structure:

- Paid Sick Days.
- Procurement Process.
- Migrant labor.
- Prevailing Wage
- Workforce Development
- Minimum Wage exemptions.
- Teacher licensure fees. (Only AOE and Sec. of State)
- Collective bargaining/unions/agency fees/VSEA relations.
- Dual licensing for liquor and lottery. Agency of controlled substances.
- DLC enforcement to public safety.
- Agency outcomes and measurement and outcomes-based funding/RBA.
- LEAN (see ANR example).
- Staffing pilots/reform.
- AHS structure.
- Open data.
- Public/private partnership criteria/parameters.

All Agencies/Depts

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DOL

AHS

AOE

Liquor

Lottery

DPS

ANR

AOA

- **BGS**
- **HR**
- **Tax**

Energy:

- Electric transmission lines (fees, siting).
- Gas pipeline issues.
- 248 Review fees and positions.
- RPS/REC issues.
- Solar permitting and regulatory reform. See also prime ag soils and solar under land use.
- CEDF funding.
- Weatherization/thermal/energy efficiency funding.
- General siting issues (S.201).
- VY taxation and decommissioning issues.
- Total Energy Study.
- Local energy codes.

PSD

ANR

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VTrans

Ag

Environment:

- TMDL
 - Spending plan and revenue sources.
 - Municipal storm water grant program.

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- Local roads.
 - Implementation/staffing. *AG and DEC limited service staff as part of state commitment.
 - Increased regulatory requirements on farms.
 - Regulatory authority including mandates on municipalities related to gravel roads and river corridors.
- Zero-emission Vehicle incentives/fees/registration.
 - Ag/ANR Lab funding. (Capital Bill).
 - GMO crop restrictions?
 - Solid Waste Infrastructure/governance/ taxes.
 - Toxics sites/brownfield cleanup funding.

Land Use:

- Clarifying state and local land use jurisdiction (ACCD suggestion).
- Downtown Transportation Grant.
- Industrial Parks – green zone, biomass projects, telecom infrastructure.
- Rural enterprises and supporting agriculture.
- Primary Ag soils – permit reform on solar energy generation facilities, suitable mitigation in the Act 250 process.
- Agricultural sales tax exemptions.
- Fire warden issues.
- Forester Licensing.
- CURRENT USE.
- Posted land.
- Exempt VTrans Projects from Act 250.

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Education:

- Governance.
- Property tax reform.
- College Attainment package.
- Privatization.
- Financial Literacy.
- Funding plan for VT Strong Scholars.
- **Keeping youth here**, recruiting foreign student entrepreneurs, income tax elimination for under-25, entrepreneurship curricula.
- Dual Enrollment funding.
- Physical Education/nutrition.
- Technology – SBAC, virtual learning.
- Early Childhood Framework Action Plan
- Race to the Top Early Learning.
- Farm to school.
- Use of WET Fund dollars.
- Community High School of VT.

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Business Climate/Tax:

- EB-5
- Income tax credit for new and expanding businesses, other tax/business issues. Including R& D, use tax, cloud tax.
- Entrepreneur support.
- Renter Rebate but also housing affordability in general.
- Wood Manufacturer's Tax Credit
- Vermont Products Program Study
- Captive/NAIC standards.
- Moving Captive incorporation from SOS to DFR.
- Crowd funding to increase access to capital for VT small business.
- Affiliate nexus/amazon tax.
- Industrial utility rates.

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Health and Human Services:

- Health care reform.
- State employees in GMC?
- Issues related to health insurance surplus (DFR).
- Obesity and related health concerns.
- Substance abuse/opiate use and its impact.
- Preventing abuse and neglect.
- Health exchange implementation.
- Senior issues.
- Food safety - FSMA/Antibiotic residue avoidance in VT food supply.
- Recidivism

AHS

- VDH
- DCF
- DVHA
- DOC

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Tax:

- Healthcare
- Ed property tax/income sensitivity
- Break open tickets.
- Estate tax.
- Consumption tax.
- Income tax.
- Corporate tax.
- Amazon tax.
- Cloud tax.
- Marijuana legalization.
- Wood manufacturer's tax credit.
- Solid waste tax.
- Current use (connection to property taxes?).
- VY tax.

**All
agencies/depts**

- Solar tax.
- Tax credit auction economic development.
- ACCD – tax incentive ideas

Working Families

- Paid sick days
- Housing: assessment/affordability/workforce housing/healthy homes initiative
- Plan to End Homelessness strategies
- Integrated Family Services
- Farmer’s Market state strategic plan/best practices

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General and Floaters:

- \$70 million budget gap.
- Fee bill.
- Burlington charter/guns.
- Capital budget issues – higher ed construction, ANR/AG lab etc.
- Marijuana.
- Break open tickets.