

2019-2020 Session

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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.

Previous Meetings - Full Report

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	Committee Discussion
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2:00 PM S.95 - An act relating to municipal utility capital investment

Melissa Bailey, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Representative, VPPSA

Reggie Belliveau, General Manager, Swanton Electric
Lynn Paradis, Assistant Village Manager/Controller,
Swanton Village

2:30 PM The Power Sector Landscape in Vermont

Riley Allen, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public
Service

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning and Energy
Resources Division, Department of Public Service

3:30 PM The Telecommunications Landscape in Vermont

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

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

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Education Finance**

Douglas Farnham, Director of Policy and Tax
Department Economist, Department of Taxes
Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of
Education
Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Kaj Samsom, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

12:30 PM **Senate Floor**

Sexual Harassment Training

2:00 PM **Tax Expenditures**

Part I

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

3:00 PM **Health Care Economics**

Jessica Holmes, Economics Professor, Middlebury
College

Friday, January 18, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Tax Workshop - Principles of a High-Quality Tax System**

Joyce Manchester, Senior Economist, Joint Fiscal Office

2:30 PM **Medicaid Financing**

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Senate Protocols and Floor Decorum**

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **Captive Insurance 101**

Room 10

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

2:00 PM **Water Quality Funding**

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

2:50 PM **January 2019 Consensus Revenue Forecast Review**

Tom Kavet, Legislature's Economist, Kavet, Rockler & Associates, LLC

3:30 PM **Break**

4:05 PM **Wayfair Marketplace**

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

4:30 PM **Chairs' Meeting**

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Tax Expenditures**

Part II

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

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

Ian Davis, Director of Financial Services, Agency of
Commerce and Community Development

Heather McClure, Chief Risk Officer, Academic
Physicians Insurance Company
Richard Smith, Executive Director, Vermont Captive
Insurance Association

3:00 PM Tax Abatement Audit and Other Issues

Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

4:00 PM Credentialing of New Practitioners

Georgia Maheras, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-
State Primary Care Association
Pam Parsons, Executive Director, NOTCH

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:50 PM Senate Floor

2:00 PM Governor's 2020 Budget Address

Joint Assembly - House Chamber

3:30 PM Governor's Budget

Discussion

Kaj Samsom, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration, Agency of
Administration

Friday, January 25, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 PM Implicit Bias Training

Ethan Allen Room

1:30 PM Tax Expenditures

Part III

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

2:00 AM Land Gains Tax Overview

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

2:30 PM Implications of the Federal Shutdown on Vermonters

Joseph Bergeron, Executive Director, Association of Vermont Credit Unions

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

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

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

1:30 PM Vermont Telecommunications Plan

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

2:30 AM Vermont Telecommunications Plan

Stephen Whitaker, Telecom/IT Planning and
Accountability Advocate, Montpelier

3:00 PM **Break**

3:30 AM **Vermont Telecommunications Plan**

David Healy, Town of Calais

4:00 PM **Vermont Telecommunications Plan**

Kevin Christopher , President, Vermont Access Network
Lauren-Glenn Davidian, Executive Director, CCTV
Center for Media and Democracy

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Public Utility Commission**

Electric vehicle charging stations

John Cotter, Staff Attorney, Public Utility Commission

2:00 PM **S.41 - An act relating to regulating entities that administer tax-advantaged accounts for health-related expenses**

Introduction and Walk-through

Sen. Christopher Bray, Sponsor

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:30 PM **Independent Hydroelectric Projects**

Committee Discussion

3:30 PM **S.52 - An act relating to creating an education property tax that is adjusted by income for all taxpayers**

Introduction and Walk-through

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Co-sponsor

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Sen. Anthony Pollina, Sponsor

4:15 PM **Insurance Minimums applicable to Transportation Network Companies**

Kevin Gaffney, Director of Rates & Forms, Department
of Financial Regulation

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Vermont Health Connect**

Cassandra Madison, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

Sean Sheehan, Healthcare Deputy Director of Operations, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

2:30 PM **Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey**

Jessie Hammond, Public Health Statistics Chief, Department of Health

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

Sean Sheehan, Healthcare Deputy Director of Operations, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

3:30 PM **Update on "Silver-loading"**

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs
Strategist, MVP Healthcare

Addie Strumolo, Health Care Director, DVHA

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

4:15 PM Independent Hydroelectric Projects

Mathew Rubin, President, Vermont Independent Power
Producers Association

Friday, February 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM Senate Floor

1:30 PM E-911 Overview

Barbara M. Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1
Board

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

2:30 PM

S.41 - An act relating to regulating entities that administer tax-advantaged accounts for health-related expenses

Gavin Boyles, General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	Cannabis Regulation
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Taxes and Fees in S. 54

Craig Bolio, Deputy Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

Jake Perkinson, Co Chair, VT Marijuana Commission

Abby Shepard, Tax Policy Analyst, Department of Taxes

3:00 PM **Break**

3:30 PM **FirstNet**

Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department
of Public Safety

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

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, AT&T

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **ACO Update**

Alicia Cooper, Director of Payment Reform,
Reimbursement and Rate Setting, Department of
Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Michael Costa, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Victoria Loner, Chief Operating Officer, OneCare
Vermont

2:30 PM Alcoholic Beverages Tax

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM Break

**3:30 PM S.41 - An act relating to regulating entities that
administer tax-advantaged accounts for health-related
expenses**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Mark Hage, Trust Administrator, VEA/VEHI

Bobby-Jo Salls, Trust Administrator, VSBIT/VEHI

4:00 PM S.67 - An act relating to the property transfer tax

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Sen. Michael Sirotkin, Sponsor

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Telecom**

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

2:00 PM **Telecom**

Irv Thomae, Chair, ECFiber

2:30 PM **GIS and Telecom**

John Adams, Director, Vermont Center for Geographic
Information

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, AT&T

3:00 PM **Break**

3:30 PM **Utilities and Telecom**

Christine Hallquist

4:00 PM **Hydro Electric Power**

Standard Offer Explained

Jake Marren, Staff Attorney, Public Utility Commission

Friday, February 8, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **History of Health Care Reform in Vermont**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

2:00 PM **Health Insurance 101**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

1:30 PM **S.71 - An act relating to eliminating the sales tax exemption for candy and using that money to support child care assistance**

Introduction and Walk-through

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Sponsor

1:45 PM **S.77 - An act relating to creating an exemption from the land gains tax for land sold to a governmental entity**

Introduction and Walk-through

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:00 PM **H.47 - An act relating to the taxation of electronic cigarettes**

Introduction and Walk-through

Roberto Gonzalez, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Rep. George W. Till, Sponsor

2:30 PM **Break**

3:00 PM **Cannabis Regulation**

(S.54) Taxes and Fees

Aaron Ferenc, Financial Examination Director,
Department of Financial Regulation

Shayne Lynn, Executive Director, Champlain Valley
Dispensary, Inc.

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

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM

S.41 - An act relating to regulating entities that administer tax-advantaged accounts for health-related expenses

Testimony, Mark-up and Possible Vote

Emily Allaire, Healthy Dollars

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

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:30 PM S.27 - An act relating to maintaining the home health agency provider tax

Introduction, Walk-through and Testimony

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Jill Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Laura Pelosi, Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Bayada Home Health Care

3:30 PM Break

3:45 PM Cannabis Regulation

(S.54) Tax Payments in Cash?

Craig Bolio, Deputy Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes

4:00 PM **S.85 - An act relating to the valuation of landlocked parcels**

Introduction and Walk-through

Douglas Farnham, Director of Policy and Tax
Department Economist, Department of Taxes
Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **5G Technology in Vermont**

Gordon Mathews, Vice President Legal and Regulatory
Affairs, VTel

Chris Rice, Lobbyist, Verizon

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, AT&T

2:00 PM **Replacement of Coverage Co and Micro-cell Update**

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and
Connectivity, Department of Public Service
Stephen Whitaker, Telecom/IT Planning and
Accountability Advocate, Montpelier

2:30 PM S.67 - An act relating to the property transfer tax

Testimony and Possible Vote

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

3:00 PM Break

3:45 PM Cannabis Regulation

(S.54) Taxes and Fees in Other States

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, Marijuana Policy Project

Friday, February 15, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Vermont Economic Development Authority**

Update and Telecom Loans

Jo Bradley, CEO, Vermont Economic Development Authority

David Carter, Chief Financial Officer, Vermont Economic Development Authority

Cassie Polhemus, Chief Operating Officer, incoming CEO, Vermont Economic Development Authority

2:30 PM **The Administration's Plans for Telecommunications**

Ted Brady, Deputy Commissioner, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance & Management

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

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Transportation Climate Initiative**

Peter Walke, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

2:00 PM **S.87 - An act relating to updating Vermont's rooms tax collection practices**

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Michael Sirotkin, Reporter, Senate Committee on Finance

2:15 PM **S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis**

Committee Discussion

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, Marijuana Policy Project

3:00 PM **S.87 - An act relating to updating Vermont's rooms tax collection practices**

Fiscal Note

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

3:15 PM **Break**

3:30 PM **Telecom Issues**

Peter Bluhm, Vermont PSB Policy Director,, Consultant
and Owner, Berkshire Telecommunications
Consulting

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**10
minutes
after the
floor** **S.27 - An act relating to maintaining the home health
agency provider tax**
Discussion and Possible Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

1:50 PM **S.89 - An act relating to allowing reflective health
benefit plans at all metal levels**

Introduction, Walk-through and Testimony

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

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

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

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs
Strategist, MVP Healthcare

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

2:40 PM S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

Committee Discussion

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

3:15 PM Break

3:30 PM Vermont Access Network

Kevin Christopher , President, Vermont Access Network
Michael Wassenaar, Director, Alliance for Community
Media

**3:45 PM JRS13 - Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner
of Forests, Parks and Recreation to amend the
Department's lease with the Okemo Limited Liability
Company and to authorize a conveyance of Woodchuck**

Mountain in Newbury as an alternative to the conveyance authorized in 2002 Acts and Resolves No. 149, Sec. 83(a)(3)

Warren Coleman, Lobbyist, Vail Resorts

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

Rebecca Washburn, Director, Lands and Administration, Division Recreation, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

4:15 PM S.93 - An act relating to the creation of an income tax deduction for union dues

Introduction and Walk-through

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Roberto Gonzalez, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

S.98 - An act relating to the deferral of property taxes for taxpayers 65 years of age or older

Introduction and Walk-through

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:25 AM **Senate Floor**

10:30 AM **Election of Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, and Trustees of UVM and State Agricultural College**

Joint Assembly

1:30 PM **S.89 - An act relating to allowing reflective health benefit plans at all metal levels**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

~ **S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

3:00 PM **Break**

3:30 PM **S.91 - An act relating to electric companies and broadband Internet access service**

Introduction and Walk-through

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

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

**S.95 - An act relating to municipal utility capital
investment**

Introduction and Walk-through

Melissa Bailey, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Representative, VPPSA

Sen. Ann Cummings, Sponsor

Jamie Feehan, Lobbyist, Vermont Public Power Supply
Authority

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

**4:00 PM S.109 - An act relating to captive insurance companies
and risk retention groups**

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

Friday, February 22, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S.103 - An act relating to calculating premium rates for fully insured association health plans**

Introduction and Walk-through

Betsy Bishop, President, Vermont Chamber of Commerce

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

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

Christine Oliver, NFP Senior Vice President and Business Resource Services Consultant, Business Resource Service

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

3:00 PM **Community Action Partnership Day**

Jan Demers, Executive Director, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

1:30 PM **S.86 - An act relating to increasing the legal age for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age**

John Bloomer, Secretary, Vermont Senate

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

~ **S.87 - An act relating to updating Vermont's rooms tax collection practices**

Testimony, Discussion and Possible Vote

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Steve Shur, President, Travel Technology Association

2:00 PM **S.77 - An act relating to creating an exemption from the land gains tax for land sold to a governmental entity**

Sen. Robert Starr, Sponsor

2:15 PM

S.85 - An act relating to the valuation of landlocked parcels

Sen. Richard Westman, Sponsor

2:30 PM S.102 - An act relating to the evaluation of the carbon impact on business tax credits in Vermont

Introduction and Walk-through

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

3:00 PM Break

3:30 PM S.67 - An act relating to the property transfer tax

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Maura Collins, Executive Director, Vermont Housing Finance Agency

4:00 PM S.109 - An act relating to captive insurance companies and risk retention groups

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

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

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**10 mins
after the
floor** **S.98 - An act relating to the deferral of property taxes
for taxpayers 65 years of age or older**

Testimony and Committee Discussion

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar
Association

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

2:00 PM **Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO)**

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John Flynn, Vice President of Strategic Business
Development, VELCO

2:30 PM **S.91 - An act relating to electric companies and
broadband Internet access service**

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

Patricia Richards, General Manager, Washington Electric
Coop

3:00 PM **Break**

3:30 PM **S.95 - An act relating to municipal utility capital
investment**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Melissa Bailey, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Representative, VPPSA

3:45 PM **E911, Isolation and the Current State of the Contract**

Stephen Whitaker, Telecom/IT Planning and
Accountability Advocate, Montpelier

4:00 PM **E911, Isolation and the Current State of the Contract**

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

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

3:00 PM **Banking Bill - Draft**

Introduction

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

Amy Richardson, Director of Regulatory and Consumer
Affairs, Department of Financial Regulation

3:30 PM **S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program**

Walk-through

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

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

4:20 PM **S.102 - An act relating to the evaluation of the carbon
impact on business tax credits in Vermont**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Friday, March 1, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S.41 - An act relating to regulating entities that administer tax-advantaged accounts for health-related expenses**

Testimony, Discussion and Possible Vote

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

2:00 PM **S.131 - An act relating to insurance and securities**

Introduction and Walk-through

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Banking Bill**

Further Walk-through, Committee Discussion

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

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

Steve Knudson, Assistant General Counsel, Department
of Financial Regulation

3:00 PM **Break**

3:15 PM **S.131 - An act relating to insurance and securities**

Testimony, Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Jamie Feehan, Lobbyist, American Property and
Casualty Insurance Association

Kevin Gaffney, Director of Rates & Forms, Department
of Financial Regulation

John Hollar, Lobbyist, Vermont Insurance Agents
Association

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,
Department of Health

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

3:45 PM

S.102 - An act relating to the evaluation of the carbon impact on business tax credits in Vermont

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

4:00 PM S.150 - An act relating to approval for fossil fuel pipelines

Walk-through

Matt Cota, Executive Director, Vermont Fuel Dealers Association

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

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

2:30 PM S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program

Stephanie Boucher, Clinical Herbalist, CannaBotanicals, LLC

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

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

Sen. John Rodgers, Sponsor

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

**3:00 PM S.137 - An act relating to health insurance coverage for
hearing aids**

Introduction and Walk-through

Deb Charlae Baker, Hearing Loss Association of
America

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

**3:40 PM S.96 - An act relating to the provision of water quality
services**

Sen. Christopher Bray, Sponsor, Addison County

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance &
Management

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

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

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**10 min
after the
floor** **S.73 - An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers**

Introduction, Walk-through and Vote

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,
Department of Health

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

S.140 - An act relating to allowing the Green Mountain Care Board to modify health insurance premiums

Introduction and Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Sen. Michael Sirotkin, Sponsor

2:45 PM

S.154 - An act relating to miscellaneous banking provisions

Committee Discussion and Vote

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM The Administration's Proposal for Exploring Health Insurance Marketplace Reforms

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

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

Addie Strumolo, Health Care Director, DVHA

4:00 PM S.131 - An act relating to insurance and securities

Committee Discussion and Vote

Kevin Gaffney, Director of Rates & Forms, Department of Financial Regulation

John Hollar, Lobbyist, Vermont Insurance Agents Association

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor, Department of Health

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial Regulation

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, March 15, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S.96 - An act relating to the provision of water quality services**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

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

S.131 - An act relating to insurance and securities

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

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

Kevin Gaffney, Director of Rates & Forms, Department
of Financial Regulation

John Hollar, Lobbyist, Vermont Insurance Agents
Association

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, AARP Vermont

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

1:45 PM **S.149 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws
related to vehicles and the Department of Motor
Vehicles**

Sen. Tim Ashe, Reporter

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

Michael Smith, Director of Operations, Department of
Motor Vehicles

2:30 PM

Confirmation of Governor's Appointment

Kaj Samsom, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

2:45 PM

Confirmation of Governor's Appointment

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

3:00 PM

Break

3:45 PM

S.131 - An act relating to insurance and securities

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, AARP Vermont

Adam Necrason, Lobbyist, Vermont Association for Justice

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial Regulation

4:15 PM

S.117 - An act relating to the therapeutic use of cannabis

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

4:30 PM

S.113 - An act relating to the management of single-use products

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**10 min
after the
floor**

S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program

Discussion and Vote

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

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Introduction and Walk-through

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

4:00 PM

S.131 - An act relating to insurance and securities

Review of possible floor amendment

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

4:15 PM **S.149 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to vehicles and the Department of Motor Vehicles**

Discussion and Vote

4:30 PM **S.117 - An act relating to the therapeutic use of cannabis**

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, AIDS Service Organizations
Jeffrey Wallin, Director, Vermont Crime Information Center, Department of Public Safety

5:00 PM **S.163 - An act relating to housing safety and rehabilitation**

Discussion and Walk-through

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM

Senate Floor

**25 min
after the
floor**

S.161 - An act relating to housing investments

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Tax and Revenue,
Joint Fiscal Office

Maura Collins, Executive Director, Vermont Housing
Finance Agency

Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

Jennifer Hollar, Director of Policy and Special Projects,
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State
Treasurer

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing &
Conservation Board

Sen. Michael Sirotkin

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

S.117 - An act relating to the therapeutic use of cannabis

Review Committee Amendment and Vote

Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste
Program, Department of Environmental
Conservation

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning and Energy
Resources Division, Department of Public Service

Friday, March 22, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	S.161 - An act relating to housing investments
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Testimony

Nancy Owens, President, Housing Vermont

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Leonine Public Affairs, Travel
Technology Association

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	S.161 - An act relating to housing investments
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Sec 19

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Travel Technology Association

2:30 PM H.514 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Walk-through

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:30 AM Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates

Joint Assembly

1:30 PM **Senate Floor**

3:30 PM **H.514 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Clare Buckley, Lobbyist, Vermont Vehicle and
Automotive Distributors Association

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Jamey Fidel, General Counsel, Vermont Natural
Resources Council

Tom Little, General Counsel, VSAC

4:15 PM **S.162 - An act relating to promoting economic
development**

Walk-through

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

4:40 PM **H.532 - An act relating to fiscal year 2019 budget
adjustments**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

4:45 PM **S.162 - An act relating to promoting economic
development**

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

5:15 PM **H.532 - An act relating to fiscal year 2019 budget
adjustments**

Vote

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**10 mins
after the
floor** **H.47 - An act relating to the taxation of electronic
cigarettes**

Tiffany DeBona, Manager, Token Glass

Amanda Kitchen, Vermont Patients Alliance Inc.

Helen Labun, Vermont Director of Public Poliby, Bi-State
Primary Care Association

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of
Health

Alex Morano, Valley Vap

Gaetano Putigano, 802 E-cig Supply, Inc

Jill Sudhoff-Guerin, Government Relations Director,
Vermont Medical Society

Monte Williams, Principal, Monte Williams Consulting
Group, LLC

Friday, March 29, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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2:30 PM	S.170 - An act relating to the Standard Offer Program and hydroelectric plants
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Warren Coleman, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Power

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

Patricia Richards, General Manager, Washington Electric
Coop

Mathew Rubin, President, Vermont Independent Power
Producers Association

3:15 PM	Efficiency Vermont
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Rebecca Foster, Director, Efficiency Vermont

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S.131 - An act relating to insurance and securities**

New Amendment

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

T-Mobile Overview

Stacey Briggs, Senior Manage, Legislative Affairs, T-
Mobile

1:45 PM **H.514 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Further Testimony

Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes
Sean Brown, Deputy Commissioner, Economic Services
Division, Department for Children and Families

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Walter Hastings, Chairman of Legislative Affairs,
Vermont Assessors & Listers Association

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

Brian Murphy, Attorney, Dinse

Jessica Radbord, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Abby Shepard, Tax Policy Analyst, Department of Taxes

3:15 PM **Break**

3:30 PM **NCSL Update**

Committee Discussion

3:40 PM **H.133 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects**

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**10 min
after the
floor**

S.162 - An act relating to promoting economic development

Testimony and Committee Discussion

Joan Goldstein, Commissioner, Department of Economic Development, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic Progress Council

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**10 mins
after the
floor**

Confirmation of Governor's Appointments

Hearing for Commissioner Pieciak and Vote on Commissioners Pieciak and Tierney

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

3:30 PM H.47 - An act relating to the taxation of electronic cigarettes

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Jennifer Costa, Government Relations Director,
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
Roberto Gonzalez, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative
Counsel
Andrew MacLean, MMR, RAI - formerly RJR Tobacco
Rebecca Ryan, Division Director, Health Promotion,
American Lung Association of the Northeast
Tina Zuk, Government Relations Director, American
Heart Association

Friday, April 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM Senate Floor

1:30 PM S.126 - An act relating to a deduction for medical expenses

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Kaj Samsom, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

**2:30 PM S.130 - An act relating to exempting veterinary supplies
from sales tax**

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Jill Skochdopole, Veterinarian, Ryegate Small Animal
Hospital

3:45 PM Confirmation of Governor's Appointments

Vote on Commissioners Pieciak and Tierney

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM S.126 - An act relating to a deduction for medical expenses

Ruby Baker, Executive Director, Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)

Jason Cadwell, CPA/PFS, CFP, Shelburne

Christopher Chapman, Vice President and Principal, Trust Company of Vermont

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, AARP Vermont

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association & Bayada Home Health

Bob Ullrich, Resident, Shelburne

Michael Wood-Lewis, Resident, Burlington

2:30 PM H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State

Walk-through and Testimony

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:20 PM Break

3:30 PM S.162 - An act relating to promoting economic development

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Joan Goldstein, Commissioner, Department of
Economic Development, Agency of Commerce and
Community Development

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

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic
Progress Council

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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10 mins after the floor	H.527 - An act relating to Executive Branch and Judicial Branch fees
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Walk-through and Testimony

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Roberto Gonzalez, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional
Regulation

Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's
Office

2:30 PM H.133 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects

Bill Jordan, Director of Engineering, Department of
Public Service

Greg Magnant, Highway Foreman, South Burlington
Public Works Department

2:45 PM Medicaid Asset Verification

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

3:00 PM Association of Vermont Credit Unions

John Dwyer, President & CEO, New England Federal
Credit Union

**3:30 PM S.162 - An act relating to promoting economic
development**

Review Amendment and Vote

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

**4:00 PM S.170 - An act relating to the Standard Offer Program
and hydroelectric plants**

Jake Marren, Staff Attorney, Public Utility Commission

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**10 mins
after the
floor** **H.524 - An act relating to health insurance and the
individual mandate**

Walk-through and Testimony

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

2:50 PM **H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the
revenue of the State**

Testimony

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Kaj Samsom, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

4:10 PM **H.514 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Section 32

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

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

Friday, April 12, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **H.513 - An act relating to broadband deployment
throughout Vermont**

Walk-through

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Annette Smith, Executive Director, Vermonters for a
Clean Environment

2:30 PM **H.47 - An act relating to the taxation of electronic
cigarettes**

Kinn Elliott, Director of Tax Policy, Vapor Technology
Association

**2:45 PM H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the
revenue of the State**

Section 3 Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit

Paul Bruhn, Executive Director, Preservation Trust of
Vermont

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

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

**3:15 PM H.524 - An act relating to health insurance and the
individual mandate**

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

3:30 PM H.514 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Committee Discussion

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **H.527 - An act relating to Executive Branch and Judicial Branch fees**

Sec 44-45

Tari Scott, Chief of Trial Court Operations, Office of Court Administrator

Sections 26-29

Ann Bishop, Operations Director, Public Utility Commission

James Feehan, Lobbyist, American Property and Casualty Insurance Association

James Feehan, Lobbyist, Vermont State Dental Society

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

Ashley Norris, President, Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial Regulation

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office

3:15 PM H.514 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Testimony and Possible Vote

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Heidi Moreau, Policy Analyst, Department for Children and Families

4:15 PM H.536 - An act relating to education finance

Walk-through

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

4:30 PM S.126 - An act relating to a deduction for medical expenses

Testimony

Irene Racz, Resident, Montpelier

4:45 PM H.536 - An act relating to education finance

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

5:00 PM S.126 - An act relating to a deduction for medical expenses

Committee Discussion

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

10 Mins after the floor H.47 - An act relating to the taxation of electronic cigarettes

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State

Sec 2 - Tax Credits for Affordable Housing

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Maura Collins, Executive Director, Vermont Housing
Finance Agency

Matt Cota, Executive Director, Vermont Fuel Dealers
Association

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

Chris Donnelly, Director of Community Relations,
Champlain Housing Trust

Karen Lafayette, Lobbyist, Community Action
Partnership, Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Ken Libby, Owner, Stowe Area Real Estate

Erhard Mahnke, Coordinator, Vermont Affordable
Housing Coalition

Gloria Rice, Attorney, Rice & Riley, PLLC

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

Paul Zabriskie, Director of Weatherization and Home
Performance, Capstone Community Action

**4:00 PM H.527 - An act relating to Executive Branch and Judicial
Branch fees**

Sections 21-23

Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and
Wildlife

**4:15 PM H.524 - An act relating to health insurance and the
individual mandate**

Committee Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

4:40 PM H.133 - An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

5:00 PM H.514 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Peter Griffin, Legislative Council, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**10 mins
after the
floor** **H.524 - An act relating to health insurance and the
individual mandate**
Further Testimony

Joe Armstrong, Christian Healthcare Ministries

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

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms for Life and
Health, Department of Financial Regulation

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

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs
Strategist, MVP Healthcare

Martin Hoyt, Alliance of Healthcare Sharing Ministries

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Addie Strumolo, Health Care Director, DVHA

Shanee Tracey, Government Affairs and Policy
Representative, Christian Care Ministry

3:00 PM **H.513 - An act relating to broadband deployment
throughout Vermont**

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Chuck Finberg, Resident, Shrewsbury

Jonathan Gibson, Resident, Shrewsbury

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

Nancy Lynch, Government Affairs Director, Vermont
Association of Realtors

Greg Marchildon, State Director, AARP

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

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

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Connectivity, Department of Public Service

Irv Thomae, Chair, ECFiber

Stephen Whitaker, Telecom/IT Planning and
Accountability Advocate, Montpelier

James White, Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs,
Comcast - Northeast Division

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, New England Cable &
Telecommunications Association

4:50 PM **H.47 - An act relating to the taxation of electronic
cigarettes**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

5:15 PM **H.514 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Friday, April 19, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **H.439 - An act relating to the Home Weatherization
Assistance Program**

Walk-through

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Warren Coleman, Lobbyist, Vermont Gas

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

2:00 PM **H.526 - An act relating to town clerk recording fees and
town restoration and preservation reserve funds**

Walk-through

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Carol Dawes, Chair, Vermont Municipal Clerks and
Treasurers Association

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

2:40 PM **S.154 - An act relating to miscellaneous banking
provisions**

Review House Proposal of Amendment

Steve Knudson, Assistant General Counsel, Department
of Financial Regulation

3:00 PM **Break**

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **H.524 - An act relating to health insurance and the
individual mandate**

Further Testimony

Dan Barlow, Public Policy Manager, Vermont Business
for Social Responsibility

Donald Blake, President, Donald P. Blake Jr, Inc

Mitch Fleischer, President, Business Resource Service

Chris Palmer, Woods CRW Corp

Mike Smullen, Controller, Trowel Trades Supply, Inc

Andrew Wible, Director of Operations, Catamount Solar

**2:20 PM H.47 - An act relating to the taxation of electronic
cigarettes**

Testimony and Committee Discussion

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist

**2:45 PM S.154 - An act relating to miscellaneous banking
provisions**

House Proposal of Amendment

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

**H.526 - An act relating to town clerk recording fees and
town restoration and preservation reserve funds**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Sen. Anthony Pollina, Reporter, Senate Government
Operations Committee

3:00 PM Break

3:10 PM H.351 - An act relating to workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, and ski tramway amendments

Walk-through

Roberto Gonzalez, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

Cameron Wood, Director, Unemployment Insurance Division, Department of Labor

4:00 PM House Revenue Plans

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

4:30 PM Potential Revenue Forecast

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Senate Committee on Appropriations

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

12:00 PM **Gilbert King**

Senate Floor

1:45 PM **H.514 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Committee Discussion

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

2:00 PM **Senate Floor**

10 mins **H.524 - An act relating to health insurance and the**
after the **individual mandate**

Floor

Further Testimony and Committee Discussion

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Rep. Lori Houghton, House Health Care

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial
Regulation

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

4:15 PM **H.527 - An act relating to Executive Branch and Judicial**
Branch fees

Testimony and Committee Discussion

Olivia Campbell Andersen, Director, Renewable Energy
Vermont

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional
Regulation

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**10 mins
after the
floor** **H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the
revenue of the State**

Further Testimony and Committee Discussion

Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes
Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products
Association

Steve Webster, Landowner, Randolph

3:15 PM **H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the
revenue of the State**

Section 18

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Senate Committee on Appropriations
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Daniel G. Smith, IT Consultant for the Joint Fiscal Office
Michael K. Smith, Interim President and CEO, Vermont
Information Technology Leaders (VITL)
Stephen Whitaker, Telecom/IT Planning and
Accountability Advocate, Montpelier

4:20 PM H.513 - An act relating to broadband deployment throughout Vermont

Further Testimony

iiishana Artra, Co-Founder, EMF Safety for Vermont
Jeff Austin, Director of Government Relations,
Consolidated Communications
Jeremy Hanson, Chair, CVFiber
Leslie Nulty, CFO, Mansfield Community Fiber, Inc.
Em Peyton, Putney, VT

Friday, April 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

12:15 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **H.82 - An act relating to the taxation of timber
harvesting equipment**

Walk-through

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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

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

2:15 PM **H.513 - An act relating to broadband deployment
throughout Vermont**

Further Testimony and Committee Discussion

Michael Birnbaum, Owner, Kingdom Fiber

John Brabant, Director of Regulatory Affairs,
Vermonters for a Clean Environment

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Jamie Feehan, Lobbyist, VPPSA

Garrett Ryan, Resident, Woodbury, VT

Irv Thomae, Chair, ECFiber

Zachary Tomanelli, Communications and Technology
Director, VPIRG

James White, Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs,
Comcast - Northeast Division

Stan Williams, Chair, ValleyNet

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, New England Cable &
Telecommunications Association

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM)**

Overview

Jeff Hochberg, President, Vermont Retail Druggists

Nancy Hogue, Director of Pharmacy Services,
Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Brian Murphy, Director of Pharmacy and Vendor
Management, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

3:00 PM **S.95 - An act relating to municipal utility capital investment**

Committee Discussion

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

3:15 PM

**H.82 - An act relating to the taxation of timber
harvesting equipment**

Vote

**3:30 PM H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
neonicotinoid pesticides**

Walk-through

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, CropLife America

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

**4:20 PM H.249 - An act related to the Reach Up and Reach
Ahead pilot program**

Walk-through

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

Costa Pappis, Planning Coordinator, Agency of
Transportation

Neil Schickner, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Karen Vastine, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner,
Department for Children and Families

**4:35 PM H.529 - An act relating to the Transportation Program
and miscellaneous changes to laws related to
transportation**

Walk-through

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

Neil Schickner, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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2:00 PM	H.47 - An act relating to the taxation of electronic cigarettes
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Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Andrew MacLean, MMR, RAI - formerly RJR Tobacco

Jill Sudhoff-Guerin, Policy and Communications
Manager, Vermont Medical Society

2:30 PM	H.527 - An act relating to Executive Branch and Judicial Branch fees
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Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

3:00 PM **Break**

3:40 PM **H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State**

Further Testimony and Committee Discussion

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Brian Shupe, Executive Director, Vermont Natural
Resources Council

4:15 PM **S.95 - An act relating to municipal utility capital investment**

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

H.513 - An act relating to broadband deployment throughout Vermont

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

4:30 PM **H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Vote

4:40 PM H.460 - An act relating to sealing and expungement of criminal history records

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Tari Scott, Chief of Trial Court Operations, Office of Court Administrator

5:05 PM H.529 - An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation

Testimony and Committee Discussion

Michele Boomhower, Director, Policy, Planning & Intermodal Dev. Div., Agency of Transportation

Chris Cole, Commissioner, Buildings and General Services

5:40 PM H.249 - An act related to the Reach Up and Reach Ahead pilot program

Testimony and Committee Discussion

Michele Boomhower, Director, Policy, Planning & Intermodal Dev. Div., Agency of Transportation

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Senate Committee on Appropriations

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**10 mins
after the
floor** **H.13 - An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to
alcoholic beverage and tobacco laws**

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Roberto Gonzalez, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative
Counsel

2:00 PM **Governor's Appointments**

Mary Alice McKenzie
David Coates
Katherine Buckley
Fred Baser
Dana Kittell

2:30 PM **H.513 - An act relating to broadband deployment
throughout Vermont**

Further Testimony and Committee Discussion

Michael Burke, Director of Field Operations, Green
Mountain Power

Robert Dostis, Vice President of Stakeholder Relations,
Green Mountain Power

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

Rep. Laura Sibilia, Sponsor, Windham-Bennington

**3:20 PM H.529 - An act relating to the Transportation Program
and miscellaneous changes to laws related to
transportation**

Vote

3:30 PM Break

3:45 PM H.536 - An act relating to education finance

Further Testimony and Committee Discussion

Jeanne Kennedy, Lobbyist, Enterprise Holdings

Chris Rice, Lobbyist, Verizon

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, AT&T

4:20 PM Revenue Discussion

Alena Berube, Special Education Finance Director,
Agency of Education

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of
Education

5:20 PM

S.95 - An act relating to municipal utility capital investment

House Proposal of Amendment - Committee Discussion of the Pearson Amendment

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

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

Friday, May 3, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	H.524 - An act relating to health insurance and the individual mandate
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Committee Discussion

2:15 PM	H.47 - An act relating to the taxation of electronic cigarettes
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Vote

2:30 PM H.527 - An act relating to Executive Branch and Judicial Branch fees

Further Testimony, Committee Discussion, and Possible Vote

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation

Justin Johnson, Lobbyist, Nextera Energy

3:30 PM H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State

Committee Discussion

William Sayre, Economist, Bristol, VT

Monday, May 6, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

2:00 PM H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Stephen Klein, Chief Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office
Kaj Samsom, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State
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Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Tax and Revenue,
Joint Fiscal Office

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Paul Ralston, President, Vermont Coffee Company

3:00 PM	Senate Floor
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-After the floor	H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State
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Vote

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Tax and Revenue,
Joint Fiscal Office

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint
Fiscal Office

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:00 AM	Committee Discussion
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1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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-After the floor	H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State
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Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:30 AM H.63 - An act relating to weatherization, a Public Utility Commission proceeding, and unclaimed beverage container deposits

Walk-through

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission
Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel
TJ Poor, Energy Efficiency Specialist, Department of
Public Service

3:15 PM H.524 - An act relating to health insurance and the individual mandate

Possible Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

4:00 PM H.536 - An act relating to education finance

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

4:30 PM H.107 - An act relating to paid family and medical leave

Walk through

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM H.541 - An act relating to changes that affect the revenue of the State

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy
Farmers

Erin Sigrist, President, Vermont Retail & Grocers
Association

10:30 AM H.107 - An act relating to paid family and medical leave

Possible Vote

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Joyce Manchester, Senior Economist, Joint Fiscal Office

11:30 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Vote

Peter Walke, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Natural
Resources

1:00 PM Senate Floor

**-After the
floor**

**H.513 - An act relating to broadband deployment
throughout Vermont**

Walk-through of Amendment

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Irv Thomae, Chair, ECFiber

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public
Service

- H.536 - An act relating to education finance

Possible Vote

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Friday, May 10, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Net-Metering Overview
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Nicole Mace, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

Jake Marren, Staff Attorney, Public Utility Commission

Ben Walsh, Climate & Energy Program Director,
Vermont Public Interest Research Group

9:45 AM H.107 - An act relating to paid family and medical leave

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM Senate Floor

**1:30 PM H.63 - An act relating to weatherization, a Public Utility
Commission proceeding, and unclaimed beverage
container deposits**

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Nancy Lynch, Government Affairs Director, Vermont
Association of Realtors

Jessica Oski, Lobbyist, Vermont Brewers Association

**- H.524 - An act relating to health insurance and the
individual mandate**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Irv Thomae, Chair, ECFiber

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, NECTA

Monday, May 13, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM H.63 - An act relating to weatherization, a Public Utility Commission proceeding, and unclaimed beverage container deposits

Dick Marron, President, VLITE

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

TJ Poor, Energy Efficiency Specialist, Department of
Public Service

Richard Rubin, Vice President, VLITE

Falko Schilling, Lobbyist, NeighborWorks of Western
Vermont

Abby White, Director of Communications, Efficiency
Vermont

- H.513 - An act relating to broadband deployment throughout Vermont

Jeff Austin, Director of Government Relations,
Consolidated Communications

Jeff Austin, Director of Government Relations,
Consolidated Communications

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

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

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

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

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Connectivity, Department of Public Service

Chris Recchia, General Manager, EC Fiber

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Abby White, Director of Communications, Efficiency
Vermont

1:30 PM

Senate Floor

**Five Mins.
After
Floor**

H.514 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.513 - An act relating to broadband deployment throughout Vermont**

Vote

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Five Mins. After Floor **S.96 - An act relating to the provision of water quality services**

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

1:30 PM **Senate Floor**

- **S.131 - An act relating to insurance and securities**

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Anne Margolis, Renewable Energy Development Manager, Department of Public Service

Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **S.41 - An act relating to regulating entities that administer tax-advantaged accounts for health-related expenses**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

- **H.135 - An act relating to the authority of the Agency of Digital Services**

Robbie Adler, Chief Strategy Officer, Faraday

Ted Adler, Union Street Media

Mike Lane, Chief Operating Officer, Fluency

Shawn Nailor, Deputy Director, Agency of Digital
Services

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:15 AM **H.508 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Bennington**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM **H.135 - An act relating to the authority of the Agency of Digital Services**

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Stephen Whitaker, Telecom/IT Planning and
Accountability Advocate, Montpelier

10:00 AM **H.513 - An act relating to broadband deployment throughout Vermont**

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:30 AM **Senate Floor**

2:00 PM **S.96 - An act relating to the provision of water quality services**

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Tax and Revenue,
Joint Fiscal Office

Matthew Chapman, General Counsel, Agency of Natural
Resources

4:00 PM **Senate Floor**

Friday, May 17, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.96 - An act relating to the provision of water quality services**

Betsy Bishop, President, Vermont Chamber of
Commerce

Kim Donahue, Co-owner, The Inn at Round Barn Farm,
Waitsfield

Wendy Knight, Commissioner, Department of Tourism
and Marketing, Agency of Commerce and
Community Development

Molly Mahar, President, Vermont Ski Areas Association

Bob Montgomery, Owner, Killington Group
Kaj Samsom, Commissioner, Department of Taxes
Amy Spear, Executive Director, Stowe Area Association,
Stowe

11:00 AM Senate Floor

- **H.513 - An act relating to broadband deployment throughout Vermont**

Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes
Sen. Christopher Bray
Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Tax and Revenue,
Joint Fiscal Office
Sen. Cheryl Hooker
John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services
Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel
Kaj Samsom, Commissioner, Department of Taxes
June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public
Service

1:30 PM Senate Floor

Monday, May 20, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

3:00 PM **S.96 - An act relating to the provision of water quality services**

Graham Campbell, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
Peter Griffin, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint
Fiscal Office

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:00 AM Senate Floor

2:00 PM Senate Floor

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Committee Discussion**

Goals and Priorities

2:00 PM **Introduction of Key Staff**

New Tax Lawyer

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

2:05 PM **Introduction of New Tax Commissioner**

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Health Insurance Affordability and Merged Markets
Report**

2019, Act 69, Sec. 9 and Sec. 12

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

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms for Life and Health, Department of Financial Regulation

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, DVHA

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

Wendy Trafton, Deputy Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

2:30 PM BCBS's Captive Health Insurance Arrangements

Small Group Health Insurance Pool Stability

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

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

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

4:00 PM Senate Floor

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

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

Joint Assembly - House Chamber

**10 mins
after the
floor** **Committee Discussion**

Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration, Agency of
Administration

Review of Expiring Reports

Friday, January 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Tax Structure Commission**

Overview and First Report

Sean Sheehan, Staff Director, Tax Structure
Commission, Joint Fiscal Office

2:30 PM Tax Payer Migration

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

Jake Feldman, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Department of
Taxes

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

1:30 PM Education Funding Update

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

2:00 PM Revenue Update

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint
Fiscal Office

2:30 PM Tax Increment Financing

Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office
Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office
John Kessler, General Counsel, Agency of Commerce
and Community Development

3:30 PM Update from the Vermont Economic Progress Council

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic
Progress Council

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

1:30 PM Bill Walk-throughs

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

S.179 - An act relating to the calculation of income for purposes of the homestead property tax income sensitivity adjustment and renter rebate

2:00 PM S.191 - An act relating to tax increment financing districts

Walk-through

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:30 PM S.190 - An act relating to the Standard Offer Program

Walk-through

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

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, Ryegate Power Station

3:00 PM Pass-through Businesses in Vermont: A Snapshot

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

3:50 PM School Construction and Impact on the Education Fund

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

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Report on Health Consequences of Exposure to Radio Frequency Fields**

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,
Department of Health

2:15 PM **Governor's Appointments**

Craig Bolio, Tax Commissioner

2:30 PM **Break**

2:45 PM **Emergency Board Presentation Concensus Forecast**

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

3:30 PM **Update from the Public Service Department**

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public
Service

4:00 PM **Report on Data-Sharing Opportunities for Maximizing Eligibility for Public Benefit Programs**

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Friday, January 17, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Miscellaneous Tax Bill**

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

2:30 PM **Taxation of Solar Panels**

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes
Walter Hastings, Chairman of Legislative Affairs,
Vermont Assessors & Listers Association
David Russell, Barrington Power

Peter Tucker, Managing Broker, Four Seasons
Sotheby's International Realty
Michelle Wilson, President, Vermont Assessors and
Listers Association

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:55 PM **Senate Floor**

2:00 PM **Governor's FY2021 Budget Address**

Joint Session - House Chamber

**15 mins
after the
Budget
Address** **S.279 - An act relating to the sales tax and vehicle
charging stations**

Introduction and Walk-through

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

Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Sponsor

S.277 - An act relating to heating fuel and the Department of Public Service

Introduction and Walk-through

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

Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Sponsor

4:00 PM S.301 - An act relating to miscellaneous telecommunications changes

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

1:30 PM Broadband Update

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

2:30 PM S.255 - An act relating to captive insurance

Update on Captives and Walk-through of Bill

Ian Davis, Director of Financial Services, Agency of
Commerce and Community Development

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

Richard Smith, President, Vermont Captive Insurance
Association

3:30 PM Governor's Budget Address Discussion

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance &
Management

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

1:30 PM

S.191 - An act relating to tax increment financing districts

Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

2:00 PM Tax Increment Financing Districts

Towns' Perspective

Dominic Cloud, City Manager, City of St. Albans

Carol Dawes, City Clerk/Treasurer, Barre City

Kevin Dorn, City Manager, City of South Burlington

Richard Haesler, Assistant City Clerk, Burlington

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

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:50 PM S.283 - An act relating to the Town of Hartford's tax increment financing district

Walk-through

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

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

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Friday, January 24, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Energy Issues**

Department of Public Service Update

Riley Allen, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of Public Service

TJ Poor, Director of Efficiency and Energy Resources, Department of Public Service

2:50 PM **S.245 - An act relating to eliminating cost-sharing requirements for primary care**

Introduction and Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

3:00 PM **S.296 - An act relating to limiting out-of-pocket expenses for prescription insulin drugs**

Walk-through

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Stephen Habbe, Director State Government Affairs,
American Diabetes Association

Kevin O'Hara, Williston, Vermont

3:20 PM Unfunded Budget Pressures Report

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint
Fiscal Office

3:45 PM Tax Increment Financing Districts

Committee Discussion

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

**1:30 PM S.245 - An act relating to eliminating cost-sharing
requirements for primary care**

Testimony

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

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

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs
Strategist, MVP Healthcare

Nissa James, Director of Communications and
Legislative Affairs, Department of Vermont Health
Access (DVHA)

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

**2:30 PM S.267 - An act relating to the Renewable Energy
Standard**

Introduction and Walk-through

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

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

Sen. Andrew Perchlik

3:00 PM Tax Increment Financing

Ted Brady, Deputy Commissioner, Agency of
Commerce and Community Development

Joan Goldstein, Commissioner, Department of
Economic Development, Agency of Commerce and
Community Development

Nick Grimley, Director of Entrepreneurship & Tech
Commercialization, Agency of Commerce and

Community Development

Josh Hanford, Commissioner, Department of Housing
and Community Development

Lindsay Kurrle, Secretary, Agency of Commerce and
Community Development

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic
Progress Council

4:10 PM **S.332 - An act relating to regulating student loan
servicers**

Introduction

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Bill Walk-throughs**

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

S.306 - An act relating to raising an income tax surcharge in order to reduce State retirement liabilities

2:00 PM State of the State and Local Subsidies

Michael Farren, Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at
George Mason University

Kenneth Thomas, Professor Emeritus, University of
Missouri - St. Louis

3:00 PM S.200 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals

Testimony and Possible Vote

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Todd Heyman, Fat Sheep Farm and Cabins

Sen. Robert Starr, Sponsor

3:30 PM Renter Rebate Reform

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Erhard Mahnke, Coordinator, Vermont Affordable
Housing Coalition

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:45 PM **5G Research**

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:15 PM **Bill Walk-throughs**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

**S.216 - An act relating to allowing large municipal
employers to provide Exchange and reflective health
benefit plans to their employees**

Sen. Becca Balint, Reporter

2:45 PM **S.318 - An act relating to financing options for public,
educational, and government access television**

Walk-through

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

3:00 PM **Fire Drill**

3:30 PM **S.318 - An act relating to financing options for public, educational, and government access television**

Walk-through continued

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, January 31, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S.267 - An act relating to the Renewable Energy Standard**

Testimony

Olivia Campbell Andersen, Executive Director,
Renewable Energy Vermont

Steve Crowley, Chair, Sierra Club Energy Committee

David Hill, Managing Consultant, Energy Futures Group,
Vermont Energy Investment Corporation

Asa Hopkins, Director of Energy Policy and Planning,
Synapse Energy Economics

Jim Merriam, CEO, Norwich Technologies

James Moore, Co-President and Founder, Sun Common

3:00 PM **Committee Discussion**

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM **Tax Increment Financing Districts**

Review of history and law

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:10 AM **S.283 - An act relating to the Town of Hartford's tax
increment financing district**

Sen. Alison Clarkson, Sponsor

Brannon Godfrey, Town Manager, Town of Hartford

Lori Hirshfield, Director of Planning and Development,
Town of Hartford

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic
Progress Council

3:40 PM **S.191 - An act relating to tax increment financing districts**

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic
Progress Council

4:20 PM **S.267 - An act relating to the Renewable Energy Standard**

Sen. Christopher Bray

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

15 mins after the floor **Standard Offer Program and Net-Metering Review**

Jake Marren, Staff Attorney, Public Utility Commission

2:00 PM S.190 - An act relating to the Standard Offer Program

Testimony

Mark Driscoll, Plant Manager, Ryegate

Jake Marren, Staff Attorney, Public Utility Commission

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of
Public Service

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Ryegate Power Station

2:30 AM Insurance Bill

Review of H.643

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

**3:40 PM S.332 - An act relating to regulating student loan
servicers**

Ethan McLaughlin, Legal Counsel, Department of
Financial Regulation

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

1:30 PM S.193 - An act relating to penalties for violations of E-911 outage reporting rules

Walk-through

Benjamin Aron, Director of State Regulatory Affairs,
CTIA - The Wireless Association

Barbara M. Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1
Board

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

2:00 PM Proposed E911 Outage Reporting Rule

Benjamin Aron, Director of State Regulatory Affairs,
CTIA - The Wireless Association

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

Jim White, Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs,
Comcast

3:00 PM S.245 - An act relating to eliminating cost-sharing requirements for primary care

Louis DiNicola, Pediatrician, AAPVT Chapter, Vermont
Medical Society

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, America's Health Insurance
Plans

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National
Education Association

**3:40 PM S.296 - An act relating to limiting out-of-pocket
expenses for prescription insulin drugs**

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

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, America's Health Insurance
Plans

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

4:00 PM Pension Divestment

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State
Treasurer

Friday, February 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S.332 - An act relating to regulating student loan servicers**

Testimony

Tom Little, Vice President of General Counsel, Vermont Student Assistance Corporation

2:00 PM **Peer 2 Peer Car-Sharing**

Jeanne Kennedy, Lobbyist, Enterprise Holdings
Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Turo

2:30 PM **S.310 - An act relating to use value appraisals**

Testimony

John McCann, Owner, North Branch Vineyards,
Montpelier

3:00 PM

S.309 - An act relating to limitations on health care contract provisions and surprise medical bills

Testimony

Rick Barnett, Legislative Chair, Past-President, Vermont Psychological Association

Rick Dooley, Clinical Network Director, Healthfirst, Inc.

Joshua Green, Vermont Association of Naturopathic Physicians

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

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

4:10 PM

S.296 - An act relating to limiting out-of-pocket expenses for prescription insulin drugs

Testimony

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

Saumya Saini, Vermont Medical Society

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**15 mins
after the
floor** **S.332 - An act relating to regulating student loan
servicers**

Mark-up and Vote

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

2:10 PM **S.245 - An act relating to eliminating cost-sharing
requirements for primary care**

Testimony

Dr. Paul J. Reiss, Managing Partner, Evergreen Family
Health Partners

2:30 PM **S.318 - An act relating to financing options for public,
educational, and government access television**

Testimony, Mark-up and Possible Vote

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

2:45 PM Feebate Study

Daniel Dutcher, Senior Environmental Policy Manager,
Agency of Transportation

3:15 PM Break

**3:30 PM S.296 - An act relating to limiting out-of-pocket
expenses for prescription insulin drugs**

*Pharmacy Benefits, 340b Pricing, Mark-up and Possible
Vote*

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

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations,
Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health
Systems

Nancy Hogue, Director of Pharmacy Services,
Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Brian Murphy, Director of Pharmacy and Vendor
Management, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

2:00 PM **S.293 - An act relating to an exemption from attorney renewal fees**

Introduction and Walk-through

Sen. Brian Collamore, Sponsor

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,
Vermont Judiciary

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:15 PM **S.283 - An act relating to the Town of Hartford's tax increment financing district**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

S.191 - An act relating to tax increment financing districts

Committee Discussion and Mark-up

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:15 PM S.190 - An act relating to the Standard Offer Program

Testimony, RECs 101 and PUC Questions

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Maria Fischer, Utilities Economic Analyst, Department of Public Service

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

Alan Robertson, Secretary, Vermont Woodlands Association

4:10 PM S.337 - An act relating to energy efficiency entities and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the thermal energy and transportation sectors

Introduction and Walk-through

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

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

5:10 PM E911 Rule

Committee Discussion

Friday, February 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 AM **Love Letter for the Climate**

Sydney Kulis, Student, Harwood Union High School,
Vermont Youth Lobby

1:45 PM **S.267 - An act relating to the Renewable Energy
Standard**

Testimony

Melissa Bailey, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Representative, VPPSA

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

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

Kerrick Johnson, Vice President - Strategic Innovation,
VELCO

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

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of
Public Service

Hantz Presume, Systems Planning Manager, VELCO

Doug Smith, Chief Public Supply Executive, Green
Mountain Power

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	S.309 - An act relating to limitations on health care contract provisions and surprise medical bills
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Testimony and Committee Discussion

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel,
Department of Financial Regulation

Dr. Carl "Trey" Dobson, Chief Medical Officer,
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center

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

2:30 PM **S.277 - An act relating to heating fuel and the Department of Public Service**

Testimony and Committee Discussion

Riley Allen, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Matt Cota, Executive Director, Vermont Fuel Dealers Association

James Sullivan, Director, Bennington County Regional Commission

2:55 PM **S.279 - An act relating to the sales tax and vehicle charging stations**

Testimony and Committee Discussion

Michele Boomhower, Director, Policy, Planning & Intermodal Dev. Div., Agency of Transportation

Robert Dostis, Vice President of Stakeholder Relations, Green Mountain Power

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

3:40 PM **S.267 - An act relating to the Renewable Energy Standard**

Committee Discussion

Olivia Campbell Andersen, Executive Director, Renewable Energy Vermont

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

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

**15 mins
after the
floor** **S.310 - An act relating to use value appraisals**

S.200 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals

Testimony, Committee Discussion and Mark-up

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and
Recreation

2:05 PM **S.337 - An act relating to energy efficiency entities and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the thermal energy and transportation sectors**

Testimony

Melissa Bailey, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Representative, VPPSA

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

Robert Dostis, Vice President of Stakeholder Relations,
Green Mountain Power

Rebecca Foster, Director, Efficiency Vermont

TJ Poor, Director of Efficiency and Energy Resources,
Department of Public Service

Darren Springer, General Manager, Burlington Electric
Department

3:30 PM Peer 2 Peer Car-Sharing

Testimony and Committee Discussion

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

**4:00 PM S.283 - An act relating to the Town of Hartford's tax
increment financing district**

Testimony, Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic
Progress Council

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM **S.318 - An act relating to financing options for public, educational, and government access television**

Mark-up

Sen. Becca Balint, Sponsor

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:45 PM **S.267 - An act relating to the Renewable Energy Standard**

Committee Discussion and Possible Mark-up

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

Kerrick Johnson, Vice President - Strategic Innovation, VELCO

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of Public Service

Doug Smith, Chief Public Supply Executive, Green Mountain Power

2:50 PM **S.301 - An act relating to miscellaneous telecommunications changes**

Testimony, Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

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

Annette Smith, Executive Director, Vermonters for a
Clean Environment

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, A T & T

Stephen Whitaker, Telecom/IT Planning and
Accountability Advocate, Montpelier

**3:45 PM S.193 - An act relating to penalties for violations of E-911
outage reporting rules**

Testimony and Committee Discussion

Jeff Austin, Director of Government Relations,
Consolidated Communications

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

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, AT&T

**4:15 PM S.318 - An act relating to financing options for public,
educational, and government access television**

Vote

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

4:20 PM **S.309 - An act relating to limitations on health care contract provisions and surprise medical bills**

Response to Health Care Advocate's Proposal

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Healthcare

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

Friday, February 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S.296 - An act relating to limiting out-of-pocket expenses for prescription insulin drugs**

Committee Discussion, Mark-up and Possible Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations,
Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health
Systems

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs
Strategist, MVP Healthcare

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

**2:00 PM S.191 - An act relating to tax increment financing
districts**

Committee Discussion and Mark-up

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Michael Gaughan, Executive Director, Vermont
Municipal Bond Bank, Vermont Educational & Health
Buildings Financing Agency

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

**3:45 PM S.267 - An act relating to the Renewable Energy
Standard**

Committee Discussion and Mark-up

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

11:30 AM **Implicit Bias Training**

Legislative Lounge

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights
Commission

1:45 AM **S.191 - An act relating to tax increment financing
districts**

Committee Discussion, Mark-up and Possible Vote

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:40 PM **S.337 - An act relating to energy efficiency entities and
programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the
thermal energy and transportation sectors**

Testimony, Committee Discussion and Mark-up

John DuBrul, Vice President and General Manager, The
Automaster

Daniel Dutcher, Senior Environmental Policy Manager,
Agency of Transportation

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

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

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of
Public Service

**4:00 PM S.267 - An act relating to the Renewable Energy
Standard**

Committee Discussion and Mark-up

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

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of
Public Service

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

**4:45 PM S.296 - An act relating to limiting out-of-pocket
expenses for prescription insulin drugs**

Testimony, Review Draft and Vote

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Elia Spates Marquis, Newport

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S.309 - An act relating to limitations on health care contract provisions and surprise medical bills**

Committee Discussion, Mark-up and Possible Vote

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

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

Rebecca Heintz, General Counsel, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

2:00 PM **S.190 - An act relating to the Standard Offer Program**

Testimony, Committee Discussion, Mark-up and Possible Vote

Jamey Fidel, General Counsel, VNRC

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of Public Service

Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and
Wildlife

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

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, Ryegate Power Station

**2:50 PM S.191 - An act relating to tax increment financing
districts**

Review Amendments and Possible Vote

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic
Progress Council

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:35 PM Break

**4:10 PM S.267 - An act relating to the Renewable Energy
Standard**

Review Amendments and Possible Vote

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

Warren Coleman, Lobbyist, Vermont Trails Alliance

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

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

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of
Public Service

4:45 PM **S.337 - An act relating to energy efficiency entities and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the thermal energy and transportation sectors**

Review Amendment and Possible Vote

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

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**15 mins
after the
floor** **S.245 - An act relating to eliminating cost-sharing requirements for primary care**

Study: Defining Primary Care and Its Proportion of Health Care Spending

Michele Degree, Health Policy Advisor, Green Mountain
Care Board

Nissa James, Director of Communications and
Legislative Affairs, Department of Vermont Health
Access (DVHA)

2:30 PM

S.216 - An act relating to allowing large municipal employers to provide Exchange and reflective health benefit plans to their employees

Testimony

Amerin Aborjaily, Associate General Counsel, Green Mountain Care Board

Kelley Avery, Senior VERB Programs Administrator, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rebecca Heintz, General Counsel, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

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

Cameron Niedermayer, Assistant City Manager, Montpelier

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

3:15 PM

S.339 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to vehicles

Walk-through of Finance Issues

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

Friday, February 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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The Committee Will Not Be Meeting Today

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids
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Walk-through and Testimony - Finance Issues Only

Shawn Bartlett, President, Jolley Associates

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Frank Chaloupka, Distinguished Professor, Public Health and Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago

Kinn Elliott, Director of Government Relations, Vapor Technology Association

Patrick Fleenor, Chief Economist, Fiscal Economics, Inc

Casey Harrington, Owner, Beverage Baron

2:30 PM **S.277 - An act relating to heating fuel and the Department of Public Service**

Review Draft, Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Riley Allen, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Matt Cota, Executive Director, Vermont Fuel Dealers Association

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

2:45 PM **S.190 - An act relating to the Standard Offer Program**

Review Draft and Possible Vote

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

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

Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and
Wildlife

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

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, Ryegate Power Station

**3:35 PM S.267 - An act relating to the Renewable Energy
Standard**

Review Draft and Vote

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

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning, Department of
Public Service

**4:30 PM S.339 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws
related to vehicles**

Committee Discussion and Vote

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

**4:35 PM S.296 - An act relating to limiting out-of-pocket
expenses for prescription insulin drugs**

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Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

2:25 PM **S.190 - An act relating to the Standard Offer Program**

Vote

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

2:45 PM **S.337 - An act relating to energy efficiency entities and
programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the
thermal energy and transportation sectors**

Review Draft and Vote

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

Amber Widmayer, Regulatory Specialist, Burlington
Electric Department

3:15 PM **S.309 - An act relating to limitations on health care
contract provisions and surprise medical bills**

Review Draft and Possible Vote

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical
Society

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

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, America's Health Insurance
Plans

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

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

**4:30 PM S.191 - An act relating to tax increment financing
districts**

Review Draft and Possible Vote

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic
Progress Council

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

**5:00 PM S.301 - An act relating to miscellaneous
telecommunications changes**

*Review New Draft, Committee Discussion and Possible
Vote*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

**5:15 PM S.337 - An act relating to energy efficiency entities and
programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the
thermal energy and transportation sectors**

Vote

5:20 PM **S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids**

Discussion

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

2:15 PM **H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals**

Walk-through

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:30 PM **S.198 - An act relating to an enforceable State Code of Ethics**

Walk-through

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Chloe Wexler, Fiscal Data Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM S.245 - An act relating to eliminating cost-sharing
requirements for primary care**

Discussion

Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs
Strategist, MVP Healthcare

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

**4:15 PM S.301 - An act relating to miscellaneous
telecommunications changes**

Vote

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

4:30 PM S.237 - An act relating to promoting affordable housing

Walk-through of Financial Issues

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Friday, March 13, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	S.301 - An act relating to miscellaneous telecommunications changes
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Discussion and Vote

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

3:00 PM	Committee Discussion of COVID 19 Response
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Joseph Bergeron, Executive Director, Association of
Vermont Credit Unions

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Matt Cota, Executive Director, Vermont Fuel Dealers
Association

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Robert Dostis, Vice President of Stakeholder Relations,
Green Mountain Power

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial
Regulation

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Members of the Public

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

3:00 PM	Covid 19 Response Committee Discussion
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Predicted Revenue Impacts, Fiscal Impacts, Property Tax Issues and Town's Authority

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

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Members of the Public

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Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM

Covid 19 Response Committee Discussion

Property Taxes

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School
Boards Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

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

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Friday, March 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM

Covid 19 Response Committee Discussion

*Joint Meeting between Senate Finance and Senate
Appropriations*

Discussion with the Treasurer

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance & Management

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM	Covid 19 Response Committee Discussion
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Broadband Issues - Students Online Access

Jeff Austin, Director of Government Relations,
Consolidated Communications

Heather Bouchey, Deputy Secretary, Agency of
Education

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

Gordon Mathews, Vice President Legal and Regulatory
Affairs, VTel

Chelsea Myers, Director of Communications and
Professional Development, Vermont
Superintendents Association

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals'
Association

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

Chris Recchia, General Manager, ValleyNet

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM	Covid 19 Response Committee Discussion
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Property Taxes and the Change in Income Tax Filing Date

Carol Dawes, City Clerk/Treasurer, Barre City

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

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

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

Change in Property Tax Deadlines

Joseph Bilodeau, Association of Certified Public
Accountants

Patti Bisson, President, Vermont Chapter, National
Association of Tax Preparers

Jeffrey Dooley, Taxpayer Advocate, Department of
Taxes

Laura Sudoff, Community Action Taxpayer Assistance,
Capstone Community Action

2:10 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

Education Fund Update

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

2:30 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

Broadband and Federal Recovery Bills

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

3:30 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

Update on State Revenues

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

3:40 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

Education Fund Issues

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

2:00 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

Administration's Plans for Education Funding

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance & Management

2:30 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

Education Funding

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents Association

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM COVID-19

Treasurer's Report

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State
Treasurer

2:50 PM COVID-19

Short Term Borrowing

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM COVID-19

Local Government Issues

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

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM COVID-19

Update on Education Financing and VLCT's Requests

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint
Fiscal Office

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

2:00 PM COVID-19

*Education Financing - Joint Meeting with Senate
Education Committee*

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of
Education

**3:00 PM S.340 - An act relating to FY 2020 interfund borrowing
authority**

Discussion and Possible Vote

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM COVID-19

Hot Spots and Microsoft

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and
Connectivity, Department of Public Service
June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public
Service

2:20 PM COVID-19

Tax Department Update

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes

3:00 PM COVID-19

*20-0956 As Recommended by Senate Government
Operations*

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

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Sen. Jeanette K. White, Sponsor, Windham County

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM COVID-19

Forecast/Revenue Revisions

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of Education

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

2:10 PM COVID-19

Update on School Budgets and Plans

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents Association

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of Education

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association

Monday, April 27, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:30 AM	Senate Convenes
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Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM	COVID-19
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Federal Money for Broadband

Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education
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

2:30 PM COVID-19

Constitutional Limits to Property Tax Relief

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM

COVID-19

Revenue Update - Joint Meeting with Senate Appropriations

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

Friday, May 1, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM

Senate Convenes

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Convenes**

1:30 PM **COVID-19**

Education Fund Update and Funding Options

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of
Education

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State
Treasurer

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM S.237 - An act relating to promoting affordable housing

**S.256 - An act relating to creating the New Vermont
Employee Incentive Program**

Walk-throughs

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

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Sen. Michael Sirotkin, Reporter, Senate Economic
Development, Housing and General Affairs
Committee

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Friday, May 8, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM COVID-19

Public Service Department's Emergency Broadband Action Plan

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity, Department of Public Service
June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

3:00 PM COVID-19

Update on CUDs

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Convenes
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2:45 PM	S.125 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact
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Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care
Association

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:30 PM Emergency Broadband Action Plan

Stakeholders

Jeff Austin, Director of Government Relations,
Consolidated Communications

Roger Nishi, Vice President, Industry Relations,
Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom

John Sutich, Director of State Government Relations,
Comcast

Tim Wilkerson, Vice President & Policy Counsel, New
England Cable and Telecommunications Association

**4:45 PM S.301 - An act relating to miscellaneous
telecommunications changes**

Hooker Amendment

Sen. Cheryl Hooker, Sponsor of Amendment

Friday, May 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

3:00 PM S.301 - An act relating to miscellaneous telecommunications changes

Hooker Amendment

Sen. Cheryl Hooker, Sponsor of Amendment

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, NECTA

3:30 PM Committee Discussion

Lessons Learned

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation

S.233 - An act relating to uniform licensing standards

Walk-throughs

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:00 PM H.643 - An act relating to banking and insurance

Walk-through

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

2:45 PM COVID-19

Administration's plan for Education Financing

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance &
Management

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

3:15 PM COVID-19

Discussion with the Tax Commissioner

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

2:30 PM S.237 - An act relating to promoting affordable housing

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

Josh Hanford, Commissioner, Department of Housing
and Community Development

**3:15 PM S.256 - An act relating to creating the New Vermont
Employee Incentive Program**

Joan Goldstein, Commissioner, Department of
Economic Development

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

Mark Letorney, Westford, Vermont

Megan Sullivan, Executive Director, Vermont Economic
Progress Council

4:10 PM S.233 - An act relating to uniform licensing standards

Discussion, Potential Amendment and Possible Vote

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

Jason Maulucci, Director, Boards and Commissions,
Governor's Office

4:45 PM **S.125 - An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the
interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

2:30 PM **S.227 - An act relating to the provision of personal care
products by lodging establishments**

Walk-through

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

2:50 PM **H.643 - An act relating to banking and insurance**

Discussion and Possible Vote

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

3:05 PM COVID-19

Funding Education

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

3:50 PM Break

4:00 PM S.233 - An act relating to uniform licensing standards

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Friday, May 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM **S.227 - An act relating to the provision of personal care products by lodging establishments**

Clare Buckley, Lobbyist, Vermont Wholesale Beverage Association

Andrew MacLean, MMR, Beverage Association of Vermont

Rep. Michael Marcotte, House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

Erin Sigrist, President, Vermont Retail & Grocers Association

2:30 PM **COVID-19**

Brainstorming Possible Revenue Enhancements and Savings

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

2:00 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

3:15 PM **S.237 - An act relating to promoting affordable housing**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State
Treasurer

3:45 PM **S.255 - An act relating to captive insurance**

House Proposal of Amendment

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

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

2:00 PM **AGI of Vermont Residents**

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

3:00 PM **Current thinking on FY21 Budget**

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Chair, Senate Committee on
Appropriations

3:30 PM **Bonding, Borrowing and Implications**

Tom Huestis, Senior Managing Director, Public
Resources Advisory Group

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State
Treasurer

Friday, May 29, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Convenes**

1:30 PM **Tax Structure Commission**

Discussion

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Susan Mesner, Consultant, Joint Fiscal Office

Sean Sheehan, Staff Director, Vermont Tax Structure Commission

2:25 PM H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Continued Walk-through and Discussion

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:30 PM S.227 - An act relating to the provision of personal care products by lodging establishments

Fiscal Note, Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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

3:45 PM S.237 - An act relating to promoting affordable housing

Review Possible Amendments and Vote

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

3:30 PM **Education Financing**

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National
Education Association

Jeff Francis, Executive Director, VT Superintendents
Association

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of
Education

Nathan Lavery, Director of Finance, Burlington School
District

4:45 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Tom Little, Vice President, General Counsel, and
Assistant Secretary, Vermont Student Assistance
Corporation

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

**After the
Floor** **Broadband Consultant and Scope of Work**

Catherine Benham, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

2:30 PM **S.227 - An act relating to the provision of personal care
products by lodging establishments**

Discussion and Possible Vote

3:00 PM **Break**

3:30 PM **S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:45 PM **S.256 - An act relating to creating the New Vermont
Employee Incentive Program**

Committee Discussion

Friday, June 5, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Convenes
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No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Convenes
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1:30 PM	COVID-19
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Education Financing

Dan French, Secretary, Agency of Education

2:10 PM H.959 - An act relating to education property tax

Walk-through

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

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals

Review and Committee Discussion

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:30 PM COVID-19

Telemedicine and Broadband

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

Todd Young, Director of Telehealth Services, University
of Vermont Health Network

4:10 PM Broadband Need in Rural Vermont

Charles Martin, Government Affairs Director, VT
Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Convenes

**After the
Floor** **H.959 - An act relating to education property tax**
Committee Discussion

H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions
Committee Discussion

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

**After the
Floor** **S.310 - An act relating to use value appraisals**

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

**S.200 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for
use value appraisals**

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

Sen. Robert Starr, Sponsor

2:45 PM **S.256 - An act relating to creating the New Vermont
Employee Incentive Program**

Amendments and Committee Discussion

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Friday, June 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Convenes**

1:30 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Fiscal Note, Secs 23, 24 and 25

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

Gregg Mousley, Chief of Finance and Administration,
Vermont Judiciary

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

Tari Scott, Chief of Trial Court Operations, Office of
Court Administrator

2:15 PM **S.256 - An act relating to creating the New Vermont
Employee Incentive Program**

Committee Discussion and Vote

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Convenes**

1:00 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Sec 4 - Property Tax Collection Plan

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

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

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

Chris Miele, Vice President, NEMRC

Rep. Samuel Young, Reporter, House Committee on
Ways and Means

2:00 PM **Broadband Consultant**

Danna MacKenzie, Consultant, CCG Consulting

3:30 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Sec 5: Definition of Owner for Current Use

Jim Knapp, Counsel, First American Title, VT Bar
Association Property Law Section

3:35 PM H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Sec 11: Marketplace Facilitators

Mary Peterson, Lobbyist, Amazon

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, AT&T

4:00 PM H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Sec 19: Vermont 529 Plans

Tom Little, Vice President, General Counsel, and
Assistant Secretary, Vermont Student Assistance
Corporation

4:15 PM H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

All Sections

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

After the **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**
Floor

Continued from Tuesday 06/16/2020

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

3:15 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Proposed Bill Language

Victoria Mayer, Director of State Relations, H&R Block

3:30 PM **S.301 - An act relating to miscellaneous
telecommunications changes**

Walk-through House's proposed changes

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

4:00 PM **H.959 - An act relating to education property tax**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

3:15 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Report from Ways and Means

Rep. Samuel Young, Reporter, House Committee on
Ways and Means

3:30 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

VSAC Related Issues

Tom Little, Vice President, General Counsel, and
Assistant Secretary, Vermont Student Assistance
Corporation

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State
Treasurer

3:45 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Fiscal Note

Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint
Fiscal Office

4:15 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Committee Discussion

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

4:50 PM **H.959 - An act relating to education property tax**

Vote

Friday, June 19, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 PM **Senate Convenes**

1:30 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Sec. 11 Marketplace Facilitators

Jackson Brainerd, Senior Policy Analyst, Fiscal Affairs
Program, National Conference of State Legislatures

2:00 PM **S.301 - An act relating to miscellaneous
telecommunications changes**

Rep. Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Reporter, House
Committee on Energy and Technology
Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission
Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, A T & T
June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public
Service
Dylan Zwicky, Lobbyist, NECTA

3:00 PM

COVID-19

Broadband Issues

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

3:15 PM

H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Committee Discussion and Vote

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Monday, June 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

3:30 PM Senate Convenes

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Convenes

1:30 PM H.966 - An act relating to COVID-19 funding and assistance for broadband connectivity, housing, and economic relief

Broadband - Walk through

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:30 PM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Walk through and Vote

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

3:45 PM **S.301 - An act relating to miscellaneous telecommunications changes**

Committee Discussion and Vote

4:00 PM **H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals**

S.200 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

4:15 PM **Plastic Bag Ban Tax**

Committee Discussion

4:30 PM **H.966 - An act relating to COVID-19 funding and assistance for broadband connectivity, housing, and economic relief**

Broadband - Committee Discussion

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

After the floor **H.966 - An act relating to COVID-19 funding and assistance for broadband connectivity, housing, and economic relief**

Broadband

Clay Purvis, Director of Telecommunications and Connectivity, Department of Public Service
June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

3:00 PM **H.966 - An act relating to COVID-19 funding and assistance for broadband connectivity, housing, and economic relief**

Broadband

Fred Goldstein, Principal, Interisle Consulting Group, LLC
Larry Thompson, CEO, VantagePoint

3:30 PM **H.966 - An act relating to COVID-19 funding and assistance for broadband connectivity, housing, and economic relief**

Broadband - Committee Discussion

4:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

4:45 PM **H.966 - An act relating to COVID-19 funding and assistance for broadband connectivity, housing, and economic relief**

Broadband - Committee Discussion

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **H.966 - An act relating to COVID-19 funding and assistance for broadband connectivity, housing, and economic relief**

Broadband - Committee Discussion

12:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

After the Floor **H.966 - An act relating to COVID-19 funding and assistance for broadband connectivity, housing, and economic relief**

Broadband - Committee Discussion

3:15 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

New Cummings Amendment

3:30 PM **H.716 - An act relating to Abenaki hunting and fishing licenses**

Walk through and Fiscal Note

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

4:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

Friday, June 26, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:00 AM **Senate Convenes**

12:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

**After the
Floor** **TBD**

4:00 PM Senate Convenes

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Convenes

1:30 PM Education Funding

Bill Bates, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Education

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association

Dan French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of Education

Nathan Lavery, Director of Finance, Burlington School District

Chelsea Myers, Director of Communications and Professional Development, Vermont Superintendents Association

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

3:15 PM Access to Committee Meetings via Zoom

Peggy Delaney, Committee Services Supervisor, Office of Legislative Operations

Mike Ferrant, Director of Operations, Vermont Legislature

Kevin Moore, Deputy Director for Information Technology, Vermont Legislature

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Convenes
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After the Floor	H.926 - An act relating to changes to Act 250
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Matthew Chapman, General Counsel, Agency of Natural Resources

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources
Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, Connecticut Attorneys Title
Corporation

3:00 PM H.934 - An act relating to renter rebate reform

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Convenes

**2:30 PM H.734 - An act relating to prohibiting certain provisions
in dental insurance contracts with dentists**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jamie Feehan, Lobbyist, Vermont State Dental Society

3:00 PM S.288 - An act relating to banning flavored tobacco products and e-liquids

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jill Sudhoff-Guerin, Policy and Communications Manager, Vermont Medical Society

Friday, August 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM Senate Convenes

1:30 PM Broadband Update

Dan French, Secretary, Agency of Education

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

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM

CUDs

Jane Campbell, Governing Board, Lamoille FiberNet

Chris Cota, Vice Chair, Northwest CUD

F.X. Flinn, Chair, ECFiber

Jeremy Grip, Addison County CUD

Christine Hallquist , Manager/Consultant, NEK
Broadband

Jeremy Hansen, Chair, CVFiber

Adam Lougee, Governing Board, Addison County CUD

Ann Manwaring, Chair, Deerfield Valley CUD

Irv Thomae, ECFiber

3:30 PM

Insurance Company Losses - Who Pays?

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial
Regulation

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

**After the
Floor** **Broadband Expansion in Vermont**

Peter Bluhm, Consultant and Owner, Berkshire
Telecommunications Consulting
Fred Goldstein, Principal, Interisle Consulting Group,
LLC
Stephen Whitaker, Advocate, Montpelier

3:30 PM **H.926 - An act relating to changes to Act 250**

Discussion and Possible Vote

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

After the **H.934 - An act relating to renter rebate reform**
Floor

Discussion and Possible Vote

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

Erhard Mahnke, Coordinator, Vermont Affordable
Housing Coalition

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, COVE

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel

2:45 PM **H.734 - An act relating to prohibiting certain provisions
in dental insurance contracts with dentists**

Discussion and Possible Vote

Erica Bodwell, General Counsel, Northeast Delta Dental

Jamie Feehan, Lobbyist, Vermont State Dental Society

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

3:15 PM **Broadband Issues**

Friday, September 4, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM H.734 - An act relating to prohibiting certain provisions in dental insurance contracts with dentists

Discussion and Possible Vote

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

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

2:00 PM H.934 - An act relating to renter rebate reform

Walk-through, Discussion and Possible Vote

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals

Discussion and Possible Vote

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

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel

3:30 PM Education Funding

Bill Bates, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Education

Dan French, Secretary, Agency of Education

Brad James, Education Finance Manager, Agency of
Education

Mark Perrault, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

4:10 PM Committee Discussion

S.54 Regulation of Cannabis

Local Option Tax

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

1:30 PM **Broadband - Health Care Issues**

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State
Primary Care Association

2:00 PM **H.934 - An act relating to renter rebate reform**

Discussion and Possible Vote

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

Jake Feldman, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Department of
Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel

3:30 PM **Utility Pole Inventory (Pole Harvesting)**

Committee Discussion

F.X. Flinn, Chair, ECFiber

Irv Thomae, ECFiber

Stephen Whitaker, Advocate, Montpelier

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Convenes**

1:40 PM **Public Utility Commission**

Pole Attachments, Mapping and Proprietary Information

Gregg Faber, Analyst, Public Utility Commission

Micah Howe, Staff Attorney, Public Utility Commission

2:00 PM **H.934 - An act relating to renter rebate reform**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Taxes

Jake Feldman, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Department of
Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel

2:15 PM **H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for
use value appraisals**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

2:30 PM **Break**

3:00 PM **Broadband Expansion in Vermont**

Jeff Austin, Director of Government Relations,
Consolidated Communications

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

John Sutich, Director of State Government Relations,
Comcast

4:30 PM **H.934 - An act relating to renter rebate reform**

Vote

**H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for
use value appraisals**

Vote

4:40 PM **Broadband - Proprietary Information**

Discussion

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel

Friday, September 11, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Sales Tax on Prewritten Software

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel

2:30 PM **Massachusetts Broadband Institute**

Michael Baldino, Director, Massachusetts Broadband
Institute

Peter Larkin, Chair, Massachusetts Broadband Institute

3:30 PM **Break**

4:00 PM **H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions**

Walk-through of further changes in the House

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**After the
Floor**

CUD Resiliency Planning

Catherine Benham, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Conor Casey, Partner, Last Mile Community Connections

Nick Charyk, Partner, Last Mile Community Connections

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

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Stephen Whitaker, Advocate, Montpelier

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**After the
Floor**

H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes

Graham Campbell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal
Office

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM

H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions

Tax on Prewritten Software

Ted Adler, Founder & President, Union Street Media

Robbie Adler, Co-Founder & Chief Strategy Officer,
Faraday

Jeff Couture, Executive Director, Vermont Technology
Alliance

Michael Ly, CEO, Reconciled

Friday, September 18, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

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Meeting Record

No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:30 PM	H.954 - An act relating to miscellaneous tax provisions
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Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel

1:45 PM	Broadband Planning - Meshing the Plans
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Evan Carlson, Member, Telecommunications and
Connectivity Advisory Board

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

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public
Service

Stephen Whitaker, Advocate, Montpelier

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

No Committee Meeting Scheduled

Friday, September 25, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Committee Discussion
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