



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Joint Legislative Management Committee  
From: Jill Krowinski, Speaker  
Date: December 5, 2022  
Subject: Allocation of vacant position to Speaker's office

Given the unprecedented number of new members of the House, I would like to pilot adding an additional staff person to the Speaker's Office for a period of one year. This 40-hour benefitted position will focus on addressing the needs of the influx of new House members in the 2023 legislative session. There has been historical precedent for leadership offices adding a staff person at certain times. The position is currently vacant within the Legislative branch and would not take resources away from another office.

The pace of legislative action has increased over the last several biennia, and it is an especially critical need this year as the House has fifty of new members. The additional staff person will be integral in supporting new members navigating the legislative space, assisting the unprecedented number of new chairs with their committees, communications to constituents and legislative staff, day-to-day operations, and other duties as they arise. The pilot will be reviewed in a year's time at which point a follow up discussion will be convened to decide the best path forward.

The vacant position (# 127031) is in the Legislature (Business Unit 0210) and can be allocated for this purpose. Sufficient funding exists through prior-year carryforward within the Legislature's budget to cover the costs of this position.

***Proposed Motion: Allocate the vacant position for use by the House Speaker's office until not later than January 15, 2024.***