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Lt. Governor Phil Scott encourages participation in health care public hearing

Montpelier, VT - Lt. Governor Phil Scott encouraged Vermonters to participate in an upcoming public hearing on March 7 on H.202/S.57, the health care reform proposal.

"I've heard from many Vermonters who are anxious to ask questions and make their opinions heard on this important issue," Scott said. "I encourage folks to attend the site closest to them and participate in the process."

The House and Senate committees released the following information today about the hearing:

PUBLIC HEARING

Joint Public Hearing on health care reform legislation, H.202/S.57, on Vermont Interactive Television

WHO:

House Health Care and Senate Health and Welfare Committees

WHAT:

Joint public hearing on Vermont Interactive Television (V.I.T.) re health care reform bill, H.202/S.57. The health care bill has been introduced in the House as H.202 and in the Senate as S.57. It can be viewed here at the Legislature's website: <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2012/bills/Intro/H-202.pdf>

WHEN:

Monday, March 7, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Vermont Interactive Television (V.I.T.)

All 15 V.I.T. sites will be available for the hearing: Bennington, Brattleboro, Castleton, Johnson, Lyndonville, Middlebury, Montpelier, Newport, Randolph Center, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, Waterbury, White River Junction and Williston. V.I.T.'s web site has an up-to-date location listing, including driving directions, addresses and telephone numbers: <http://www.vitlink.org>

WHY:

To give Vermonters throughout the state an opportunity to express their views about the health care legislation proposed by Governor Shumlin.

HOW:

Anyone interested in testifying should come to the hearing. The V.I.T. staff manage the sign-up sheets. Please sign in when you arrive at the site. Time limits on testimony may apply depending on volume of participants. The time limit may well be two minutes, to allow as much citizen input as possible.

People may also submit written testimony if they wish:

E-mail to Loring Starr, lstarr@leg.state.vt.us

Or physically mail to:

House Health Care Committee/Senate Health and Welfare Committee
Loring Starr and Agatha Kessler
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