The Legislative Session begins: Week One

Jan 5 2:00 PM                   **Governor's State of the State Address** *Joint Assembly*

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**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

**In Gen Housing and Military** Affairs livestreamed

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**9:15 AM**                   **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget Adjustment**

**10:00 AM**                   **Committee Updates**

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

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

**9:15 AM**    **H. 320 - An act relating to prohibiting agreements that prevent an employee from working for the employer following the settlement of a discrimination claim**

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General - ZOOM

Cary Brown, Executive Director, Vermont Commission on Women - ZOOM

Bor Yang, Executive Director, Vermont Human Rights Commission - ZOOM

Ismina Francois, Resident, Barre – ZOOM

**H. 329 - An act relating to amending the prohibitions against discrimination**

Cary Brown, Executive Director, Vermont Commission on Women - ZOOM

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General - ZOOM

Falko Schilling, Advocacy Director, ACLU of Vermont - Invited

Bor Yang, Executive Director, Vermont Human Rights Commission - ZOOM

Jessica Hyman, Director, Fair Housing Program, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity - ZOOM

Sarah Robinson, MSW, Deputy Director, VT Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence - Z

Brenda Churchill, State House Liaison, LGBTQIA Alliance of Vermont - ZOOM

Rachel Seelig, Director, Vermont Legal Aid Disability Law Project - ZOOM

**House Committee on Health Care**

**Via Zoom*Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are livestreamed at***[***https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-health-care***](https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-health-care)***.***

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

**9:30 AM**  *Joint Meeting Senate Committee on Health and Welfare & House Committee on Health Care.* [*https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare*](https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare)

**Act 6**

*Review of expiring Act 6 provisions.*

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

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

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

**Report of Facilitation of Interstate Practice Using Telehealth Working Group**

*Joint Meeting* [*https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare*](https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare)

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

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

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Rebecca Copans, Government and Media Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

Meredith Roberts, RN, PhD, Executive Director, American Nurses Association Vermont

(Then, after Governors address at 2P) **3:00 PM**     **Committee  Discussion**

*Review of Bills Passed* Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel *Looking Ahead to the Session*

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

**9:00 AM**                   **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget Adjustment**

Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health - Invited

Sean Sheehan, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst, Department of Vermont Health Access (10:15 AM)

**1:00 PM**                   **Health Care Workforce Strategic Plan Report**

*Joint Committee Meeting with House Commerce and Economic Development and House Committee on Health Care*

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

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

**1:00 PM**  **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget Adjustment**

*Committee Discussion and Possible Testimony*

**House Committee on Human Services**

**Zoom Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are livestreamed** at [*https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-human-services*](https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-human-services).

Thursday January 6:

**1:00 PM                   Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget Adjustment**

Testimony from advocates regarding Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Adult Day Centers

Mary Moulton, Executive Director, Washington County Mental Health Services

Friday, January 7, 2022

**1:00 PM**                   **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget Adjustment**

Department for Children and Families (DCF)Division of Economic Services

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

**House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife**

**Room EA & Zoom** *Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are livestreamed at*<https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-natural-resources-fish-and-wildlife>.

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

**9:00 AM** **H. 492 - An act relating to the structure of the Natural Resources Board**

*Walk-through* Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jon Groveman, Policy and Water Program Director, Vermont Natural Resources Council

**House Committee on Transportation** *livestreamed at*[*https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-transportation*](https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-transportation)*.*

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

**10:15 AM** **H. 439 - An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government**

*Clean Water* Craig DiGiammarino, Pollution Prevention and Compliance Program Manager, Agency of Transportation - Invited

**House Committee on Ways and Means** *[Livestream](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1akzzVH35AlFalPl5LmYfQ/featured) Link*

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**Jan 6** **2:00 PM**    **Cannabis Control Board**

James Pepper, Chair, Cannabis Control Board - Invited

David Brynn, Executive Director, Vermont Family Forests – Invited

**Senate Committee on Health and Welfare**

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**Jan 4 10AM Senate Floor**

**10 min after floor Committee Discussion** *Introductions, process, reports, bills, schedule*

***January 5* 9:30 AM** **Act 6** *Joint meeting with House Healthcare. Review and discussion of possible extension. Meeting will be livestreamed here*[*https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare*](https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare)

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

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

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

9:00 AM  S. 91 - An act relating to **Parent Child Center Network**

*Bill introduction by sponsor* Sen. Richard Westman, Sponsor

**S. 69 - An act relating to suicide prevention initiatives** *Bill introduction by sponsor* Sen. Joe Benning, Sponsor proposes to appropriate funding for suicide prevention initiatives, including Vermont’s National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Zero Suicide, the Elder Care Clinician Program, and the Vet to Vet Visitor Program.

**S. 74 - An act relating to modifications to Vermont’s patient choice at end of life laws**

Bill introduction by sponsor Sen. Dick McCormack, Sponsor

H. 153 - An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for home- and community-based service provider Bill introduction by sponsor Rep. Daniel Noyes, Sponsor

**Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy**

**Room 8 and Zoom***Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are livestreamed at*[*http:legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-natural-resources-and-energy*](http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-natural-resources-and-energy)

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

**8:30 AM**                   **Climate Action Plan**

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources - Invited

Jane Lazorchak, Director of Global Warming Solutions Act, Agency of Natural Resources

**10:00 AM**                   **Break**

**10:30 AM**                   **Climate Action Plan** *Continued*

Jane Lazorchak, Director of Global Warming Solutions Act, Agency of Natural Resources

Jared Duval, Board Co-Chair, Clean Energy Development Fund

Lauren Oates, Climate & Energy Policy Manager, The Nature Conservancy

**Jan 6** **10:30 AM**  **Comprehensive Energy Plan**

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

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

**8:30 AM**                   **Weatherization**

Neale Lunderville, President, Vermont Gas Systems

Richard Faesy , Principal, Energy Futures Group, Inc.

Dan Reilly, Director, Public Affairs, Efficiency Vermont

Maura Collins, Executive Director, Vermont Housing Finance Agency

Sarah Phillips, Director, Office of Economic Opportunity, Department for Children and Families, Co-Chair of Just Transitions Subcommittee

**Senate Committee on Appropriations** **Room 5 and Zoom** [**https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtbvauqWuOFF5jD8fp8JG5w**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtbvauqWuOFF5jD8fp8JG5w)

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

1:00 PM                   Senate Convenes

1:30 PM                   22-0441 - An act relating to the fiscal year 2022 Governor's recommended budget adjustment

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance & Management

Hardy Merrill, Director of Budget and Management Operations, Department of Finance & Management

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:00 PM**   Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

2:00 PM  22-0441 - An act r/t the fiscal year 2022 Governor's recommended budget adjustment

Jenney Samuelson, Interim Secretary, Agency of Human Services

Richard Donahey, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services Central Office

Tracy O'Connell, Finance Director, Agency of Human Services