



STATE OF VERMONT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

Agenda
Thursday, October 16, 2025
Room 10 and Zoom
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Updated on 10/17/2025 1:31 PM

- 1:00 p.m. Call to order and approve minutes from September 18, 2025 [**Approved**]
- 1:05 p.m. A. Federal Revenue Update
1. Updates on Federal Funding to the State
Sarah Clark, Secretary, Agency of Administration
- B. Federal Shutdown
- 1:20 p.m. 1. Status Update and Contingency Planning
Sarah Clark, Secretary, Agency of Administration
- 1:45 p.m. 2. Internal Lending and Contingencies
Mike Pieciak, State Treasurer
- 2:00 p.m. 3. Congressional Delegation Update
Kathryn Van Haste, State Director, Office of Senator Bernie Sanders
Rebecca Ellis, State Director, Office of Senator Peter Welch
Jessica Nordhaus, Interim State Director, Office of Congresswoman Becca Balint
- 2:25 p.m. 4. AHS Impacts
Jenney Samuelson, Secretary, Agency of Human Services
Tracy O'Connell, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services
- 2:50 p.m. 5. LIHEAP: Community Impacts
Matt Cota, Vermont Fuel Dealers Association
Josh Davis, Vermont Community Action Partnership

- 3:25 p.m. C. Premium Assistance Changes
Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access
Owen Foster, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board
Emily Brown, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board
Mike Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate
Emma Zavez, Consumer Research and Health Policy Analyst, Office of Health Care Advocate
- 3:50 p.m. D. Implementation of Medicaid Rule Changes
Mike Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate
Emma Zavez, Consumer Research and Health Policy Analyst, Office of Health Care Advocate
Jenney Samuelson, Secretary, Agency of Human Services
Tracy O'Connell, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services
Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access
Rosie Krueger, State Director of Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education
- 4:15 p.m. E. Return to Office Order
Sarah Clark, Secretary, Agency of Administration
Wanda Minoli, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services
Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn

Reports

August 27th Housing Report (DCF)

[Cite: Act 27 of 2025, Sec. E.321\(g\)](#)

[Report Link](#)

(g) On or before the last day of each month from July 2024 through June 2025, the Department for Children and Families, or other relevant agency or department, shall continue submitting a similar report to that due pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b) to the Joint Fiscal Committee, House Committee on Human Services, and Senate Committee on Health and Welfare. Additionally, this report shall include the Department's monthly expenditure on General Assistance Emergency Housing.

Act 68 Health Care System Transformation Report

[Report Link](#)

[Cite: Act 68 of 2025](#)

- (b)(1) The Agency of Human Services shall report to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal Committee:
- (A) the specific outcome measures developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, along with a timeline for accomplishing them;
 - (B) how the Agency will determine its progress in accomplishing the outcome measures and achieving the transformation goals, including how it will determine the amount of savings attributable to each inefficiency reduced and how it will evaluate increases in access to essential services;
 - (C) the impact that each transformation decision made by an individual hospital as part of the Act 167 transformation process has or will have on the State's health care system, including on health care costs and on health insurance premiums;
 - (D) how the Agency is tracking and coordinating the transformation efforts of individual hospitals to ensure that they complement the transformation efforts of other hospitals and other health care providers and that they will contribute in a positive way to a transformed health care system that meets the Act 167 goals; and
 - (E) the amount of State funds, and federal funds, if applicable, that the Agency has spent on Act 167 transformation efforts to date or has obligated for those purposes and the amount of unspent State funds appropriated for Act 167-related purposes that remain for the Agency's Act 167 transformation efforts.

Act 68 Health Care Spending Reduction Report

[Report Link](#)

[Cite: Act 68 of 2025](#)

- b) The Agency of Human Services shall report on the proposed reductions that it has approved pursuant to this section, including applicable timing and appropriate accountability measures, to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal Committee on or before July 1, 2025. On or before the first day of each month of hospital fiscal year 2026, beginning on October 1, 2025, the Agency shall provide updates to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal Committee when the General Assembly is not in session, and to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare when the General Assembly is in session, regarding progress in implementing and achieving the hospital spending reductions identified pursuant to this section