



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**SUMMER AND FALL 2014 – PROPOSED IT PROJECTS**

Website Redesign

We hope that the major off-session project will be the redesign of the legislative website. The new platform must be up-to-date and allow enhanced functionality, for example providing individual web pages for each member. In addition, the new site should: (1) be professional and attractive; (2) have a consistent appearance and navigation scheme; (3) be easy to use and maintain; and (4) allow posting of content by nontechnical users.

Firewall Replacement

Our systems are isolated and protected from the rest of the world by a firewall. A recent security review determined that this device should be replaced. In addition to controlling access to specific machines, the new firewall will allow far more granular control of the information entering or leaving the State House. It will also protect workstations, laptops, and other systems in ways that the current firewall does not. Unlike the website project, the firewall replacement will be largely invisible to our users.

Document Management

The document management system has been in place since 1998. We plan to upgrade the existing system during the summer of 2014. This upgrade may include enabling new or underutilized features of the system.

Committee Recording

We are currently researching alternatives to the current CD recorders used to record committee meetings. Ideally, we will store recordings on servers, where they can be more readily accessed by in-house users and by the public. We hope to test the new systems during summer study committee meetings.

Miscellaneous

In addition to the above projects, we will continue to update and modernize workstations, do routine maintenance, and look into how to improve the provision of technology in all committee rooms.