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FROM: HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS

Videoconference Public Hearings on the Governor's Recommended FY 2021 State Budget

The Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are seeking public input on the Governor's Recommended FY 2021 State Budget and will hold public hearings on **Thursday, August 27, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday, August 28, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** via videoconferencing.

The Committees will take testimony on the Governor's recommended State budget at the above dates and times. Anyone interested in testifying should sign up in advance of the hearing through the following online form: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/links/public-hearing-happ>, no later than August 26. Instructions on how to access and participate in the hearing will be sent after you have signed up for the hearing.

There may be time limits on testimony, depending on the volume of participants—expect a time range of 2–3 minutes. To view the Governor's FY 2021 recommended budget, go to the Department of Finance and Management's website or click the following link.

<https://finance.vermont.gov/budget/budget-recommendations/operating-budget>. Please note, the current FY21 recommended budget will not be available until August 18.

The public hearings will be available to watch live on YouTube at the following link <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-appropriations> or on your local Vermont Access community cable channel. You can find your local channel at the following link <https://vermontaccess.net/amo/>.

For more information about the format of these events, contact Theresa Utton-Jerman or Chrissy Gilhuly at tutton@leg.state.vt.us or cgilhuly@leg.state.vt.us, or call 802-828-2295 or toll-free within Vermont at 1-800-322-5616 (responses to phone calls may be delayed). Written testimony can be submitted electronically to Theresa or Chrissy through e-mail or mailed to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, c/o Joint Fiscal Office, 115 State Street, Montpelier, VT, 05633.