



STATE OF VERMONT
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Legislative Management Committee
From: Jill Krowinski, Speaker
Date: August 28, 2023
Subject: Continuation of position in Speaker's office

Last year I asked to pilot adding an additional staff person to the Speaker's Office for a period of one year. This 40-hour benefitted position focused on addressing the needs of the influx of new House members in the 2023 legislative session. There has been historical precedent for leadership offices adding a staff person at certain times. Now that we have tried this pilot out for several months, I would like to extend this position another year to January 15, 2025.

The pace of legislative action has increased over the last several biennia and with the large number of new House members, there have been additional needs. This person will continue to assist with the unprecedented number of new chairs with their committees, communications with constituents and legislative staff, day-to-day operations, and other duties as they arise.

The position (# 127031) is in the Legislature (Business Unit 0210) and was vacant for a while so that using it did not take away resources from another office. Sufficient funding exists through prior-year carryforward within the Legislature's budget to cover the costs of this position.

Finally, as JLMC turns to budget discussions later this fall, I may request to make this position permanent. This is a discussion that would be more appropriate in the context of the full legislative budget and I may bring this up then.

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