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MEMORANDUM

To: House Standing Committees

From: Rep. Robin Scheu, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

Date: February 4, 2026

Subject: Review of Governor's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Proposal

The House Appropriations Committee (HAC) is currently taking testimony from agencies and departments regarding the Governor's fiscal year 2027 budget recommendation. As part of our review process, we want to hear from your committees as to what you agree with, what you disagree with, and what your priorities in your budget area might be.

Here are the links to the Governor's proposed [fiscal year 2027 budget language](#) and the [fiscal year 2027 budget summary](#). In addition, at the end of this memo is a list of budget items by committee for your review. You are of course welcome to look at the entire budget.

Please review these materials and respond in writing to HAC by Friday, February 20, 2026.

Further, if you have additional initiatives, please include those items along with an explanation, any proposed language, and estimated costs in your written response. Please order items in priority order.

Finally, as you think about new initiatives – and indeed the Governor's recommendations as well – please be mindful of the fact that the situation in Washington is still precarious, chaotic, and full of uncertainty. We do not know if there will be federal funds to support all of our existing programs, never mind new programs. As you put your priorities together, consider the most important things you would want to fund now if you could.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from your committee.

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget
Committee Review Instructions

The B sections or “number sections” of the budget reflect base appropriations for the coming fiscal year and are organized by function of government. **We ask that you review the numbers sections that relate to functions areas of government that fall under your committee’s jurisdiction.**

The function areas by section number are as follows:

B.100–B.199	General Government
B.200–B.299	Protection to Persons and Property
B.300–B.399	Human Services
B.400–B.499	Labor
B.500–B.599	General Education
B.600–B.699	Higher Education
B.700–B.799	Natural Resources
B.800–B.899	Commerce and Community
Development	
B.900–B.999	Transportation

Additionally, there are language sections in the bill – one-time appropriations in the B.1100 section and E sections that make changes directly related to an appropriation in a corresponding B section. **HAC reviewed the Governor’s recommended fiscal year 2027 budget language and asks that you focus your review on the sections we’ve identified as relating to your area of jurisdiction.** These sections can be found on the following pages. If you have any questions, please reach out to your HAC Budget Buddy. Thank you again for your assistance in this work.

- Testimony and supporting documents from various agencies and departments is available on the House Appropriations Committee’s web page: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2026/9/Subject/617437#documents-section>.
- Supporting documents by function area of government can also be found on the Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) website: <https://ljfo.vermont.gov/subjects/department-budgets>.
- The JFO website also has all documents related to the Governor’s Recommended budget and, eventually, the House and Senate budgets: <https://ljfo.vermont.gov/subjects/appropriations-and-budget/fy-2027>.

Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry

E.222

E.700

Commerce and Economic Development

B.1100(d)(1)

B.1100(e)(1)

B.1100(g)(1)

D.100(a)(3)

E.232

E.504

E.504.1

E.605

E.605.1

E.923.1

Corrections and Institutions

B.1100(h)(1)

D.101(a)(1)(B)

E.144

E.338

E.338.1

Education

B.1100(d)(1)

E.106

E.215

E.307

E.501

E.501.1

E.501.2

E.501.3

E.502

E.504

E.504.1

E.507.1

E.514

E.514.1

E.515

E.600

E.602

E.603

E.605

E.605.1

E.606

Energy and Digital Infrastructure

E.233

E.233.1

Environment

B.1100(e)(1)
D.101(a)(4)(A)
D.101(a)(4)(B)
E.700

General and Housing

B.1100(a)(2)
B.1100(f)(1)
D.100(a)(2)
D.100(a)
E.139
E.144
E.338

Government Operations and Military Affairs

B.1100(a)(1)
B.1100(a)(2)
B.1100(d)(1)
D.101(a)(1)(E)
E.200
E.215
E.217
E.218
E.219
E.222
E.232
E.233
E.306.5
E.338.1
E.501.1
E.501.3
E.516
E.606

***Please also be sure to review the Pay Act once available.*

Health Care

B.1100(b)(1)
B.1100(b)(2)
B.1100(c)(2)
E.300
E.301
E.301.1
E.301.2
E.301.3
E.306.1
E.306.2
E.306.3
E.306.4
E.306.5
E.307
E.312
E.312.1
E.501
E.603

Human Services

B.1100(b)(1)
B.1100(b)(2)
B.1100(c)(1)
B.1100(c)(2)
B.1100(c)(3)
E.300
E.301
E.301.1
E.301.2
E.301.3
E.306.1
E.312
E.312.1
E.322
E.325
E.326
E.603

Judiciary

D.101(a)(1)(E)
E.208
E.209
E.209.1
E.212
E.300

Transportation

B.1100(h)(1)
E.923
E.923.1

Ways and Means

B.1100(b)(1)

D.100

D.101(a)(1)(D)

E.139

E.142

E.142.1

E.142.2

E.142.3

E.142.4

E.338

E.501.3

E.516

E.516.1

E.606