

Joint Carbon Emissions Reduction Committee: Legislative Per Diem and Expenses

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2 V.S.A. § 23

Title 2 : Legislature

Chapter 001 : General Assembly

(Cite as: 2 V.S.A. § 23)

§ 23. Standing committees; authority to meet; out-of-state business

(a) During adjournment of the General Assembly, any standing committee or subcommittee of a standing committee may with the appropriate approval of the Speaker or the President Pro Tempore meet at the call of its chair to conduct legislative business within the State. For attendance at such a meeting or for attendance at a meeting of a special committee or joint committee, a committee member shall be entitled to per diem compensation and expense reimbursement as follows:

- (1) daily compensation at the rate then in effect for members of the General Assembly during a special session;
- (2) actual mileage traveled at the rate paid State employees;
- (3) receipted lodging costs and actual meal costs;
- (4) other actual expenses, as reasonable and necessary.



2026 Rates:

- \$189.00 per diem amount for Legislators
- \$0.725 IRS mileage reimbursement rate
 - The average number of round-trip miles is 120
- \$23.00 average cost per meal



How to Calculate Estimated Costs:

- # of Legislators multiplied by # of Meetings multiplied by \$189
- # of Legislators multiplied by # of Meetings multiplied by \$87
 - \$87 is Average number of miles (120) multiplied by \$0.725
- # of Legislators multiplied by # of Meetings multiplied by \$23
- Miles and Meals are also adjusted by the average in person attendance rate of 75%

