




NOTE: This is for illustrative purposes of the process and is not meant to capture expectations of the session

Appropriations Process 2025 Legislative Session

*Bills from Policy Comte.

MONTH	DATE	SENATE Appropriations AGENDA	DETAIL	HOUSE Appropriations Agenda
January				
Week 1	7th-10th	Orientation, Department Assignments, roles and responsibilities	JFO may provide 101 topic overviews	Orientation, Department Assignments, roles and responsibilities. Begin working on BAA as soon as it is delivered.
Week 2	14th-17th	Orientation, begin Budget Adjustment (BAA) testimony and other policy updates.	JFO 101's and Department BAA testimony.	Continue taking testimony on BAA, make decisions on Appropriations proposal to the House. JFO works over the weekend to develop documents.
Week 3	21st-24th	BAA testimony, Emergency Board consensus revenue forecast for Governor's Recommended Budget around the 15th.	The State's Emergency Board officially adopts revenue forecasts for certain major funds in January and July of each year - 32 V.S.A. §305(a)	BAA on House Floor. House begins taking testimony on Gov Rec FY '26 Budget.
Week 4	28th-31st	BAA testimony Governor's Budget Address	Governor's Budget Address Admin. provides the number and language for the Appropriations Bill. 	House sends BAA to Senate. House Appropriations continues taking testimony on FY '26.
February				
Week 5	4th-7th	BAA testimony, vote on bill	GF Box (BAA), work with JFO on bill, can be different than House. JFO works over the weekend to finalize floor documents.	House continues taking testimony on FY '26
Week 6	11th-14th	BAA on Senate Floor, may take up Budget FY 26		House continues taking testimony on FY '26
Week 7	18th-21st	FY 26 Budget (Big Bill), Senate sends BAA to House. Public Hearing for FY 26 Budget	Testimony for FY '26 from Departments	House rec'vs BAA, does not concur, results in Conference Committee (COC). House continues taking testimony on FY '26.
Week 8	25th-28th	FY 26 Budget, FY 25 BAA Conference Committee	Testimony for FY '26 from Departments 	House continues taking testimony on FY '26, continue to receive money bills, discussing public hearing requests.
March				
	2nd	TOWN MEETING - Off		
Week 9	11th-14th	FY 26 Budget testimony	BAA should be signed off by House and Senate around this time, but may require additional week or two of negotiation.	House continues taking testimony on FY '26, picture of Budget becomes more confusing or more clear. JFO works over the weekend to put together documents. Money bills are taken up and may be incorporated in Big Bill/Gov Rec.
Week 10	18th-21st	FY 26 Budget testimony	<i>This could be CROSSOVER deadline for money bills.</i>	House Report FY 26 Budget on Floor
Week 11	25th-28th	FY 26 Budget testimony		House sends FY 26 Budget to Senate
April				
Week 12	1st-4th	Senate Receives FY 26 Budget, finalizes Budget, takes Public Hearing into account, Bills incorporated into Big Bill, final testimony	GF Box for Senate (FY 26 Budget), work with JFO, can be different than House.	House works on money bills, additional testimony, follows bill in Senate.
Week 13	8th-11th	FY 26 Budget Appropriations Committee Vote	JFO works over the weekend to develop floor documents	House works on money bills, additional testimony, follows bill in Senate.
Week 14	15th-18th	Big Bill on Senate Floor		House works on money bills, additional testimony, follows bill in Senate.
Week 15	22nd-25th	Senate sends FY 26 bill to House		House does not concur with Senate FY 26 Budget Bill = COC
Week 16	29th-May 2nd	Conference Committee FY '26 Budget		Members work with COC members on negotiations, continue hearing money bills like miselaneous tax and yield bill.
May				
Week 17	6th-9th	Conference Committee FY '26 Budget		
Week 18	13th-16th	Senate/House approve bill on Floor last day of session		
Week 19		<i>Legislature is budgeted for 18 weeks</i>		

*SAC may strip appropriations and positions out of bills to be prioritized into FY 26 Appropriations Bill (Big Bill)
Emergency Board established under 32 V.S.A. §131

