The Joint Fiscal Office seeks to hire a Summer Intern (Temporary Climate Change Fiscal Analyst) in the area of climate change

The Vermont Legislative Joint Fiscal Office is seeking a paid summer analyst to assist with preparing a report on the economics of climate change mitigation and the projected costs of implementing policies to achieve required reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in Vermont. The temporary analyst will work with other analysts in the Joint Fiscal Office, whose mission is to provide nonpartisan, factually-based financial and policy analyses, research, and forecasts.

Vermont’s Global Warming Solutions Act of 2020 requires the state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to certain levels in 2025 and 2030. The state has already implemented many policies to move in that direction, but the required reductions must engage a broader swath of households and businesses. Low- and moderate-income households and small business owners need to be persuaded to change modes of transportation, heating, and agriculture. The summer analyst will assist the fiscal analysts in collecting data and information on incentives used in other states and countries and in analyzing and evaluating the effectiveness of those incentives.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Gathering data and information on existing incentive programs in Vermont and other states that support adoption of EVs, heat pumps, weatherization, and other investments that reduce emissions
- Collaborating with numerous government agencies and other stakeholders
- Organizing and analyzing data clearly to facilitate evaluating effectiveness overall and across different types of households
- Analyzing the distribution of different types of households in Vermont to estimate the cost of incentive programs that achieve the emissions targets
- Estimating near-term and longer-term costs of effective incentive programs

Qualifications include:

- Bachelor's degree in economics, business, planning, or public administration, or other relevant discipline or currently enrolled in an accredited program.
- A strong quantitative background, including robust analytical and modeling skills
- Experience using large datasets
- Strong communication skills and writing proficiency
- Knowledge of environmental policy is preferred, but not required
This temporary employment will likely begin early June and end mid-August 2022. Compensation will begin at $15.00/hour and will be commensurate with applicable experience. The position is full-time, temporary, and does not include health benefits. There is an option for hybrid-remote work.

Please e-mail a cover letter and resume no later than May 15, 2022 to: HRapplications@leg.state.vt.us. Please put your name and “Climate Change Fiscal Analyst” in the subject field of the e-mail.

We are an equal opportunity employer, and applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, veteran status, or other protected category.