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Videoconference Public Hearings on the Governor's Recommended FY 2022 State Budget

The Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are seeking public input on the Governor's Recommended FY 2022 State Budget and will hold two public hearings on Monday, February 8, 2021. The first from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (2:30 p.m.) and a second from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (7:30 p.m.) via videoconference.

The Committees will take testimony on the Governor's recommended State budget at the above date and times. Anyone interested in testifying should sign up in advance of the hearing through the following online form: <u>https://legislature.vermont.gov/links/public-hearing-fy22-budget</u> no later than Friday, February 5, 2021. Instructions on how to access and participate in the hearing will be sent once you have signed up for the hearing.

There may be time limits on testimony, depending on the volume of participants—expect a time range of 2–3 minutes. To view the Governor's FY 2022 recommended State budget, go to the Department of Finance and Management's website or click the following link: https://finance.vermont.gov/budget/budget-recommendations/operating-budget/fy2022.

The public hearings will be available to watch live on YouTube at the following link: <u>https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/vermont-joint-fiscal</u> or on your local Vermont Access community cable channel. You can find your local channel at the following link: <u>https://vermontaccess.net/amo/</u>.

For more information about the format of these events, contact Theresa Utton-Jerman at <u>tutton@leg.state.vt.us</u> or Chrissy Gilhuly at <u>cgilhuly@leg.state.vt.us</u> or call 802-828-2295 or toll-free within Vermont at 1-800-322-5616 (responses to phone calls may be delayed). Written testimony can be submitted electronically to Theresa or Chrissy through e-mail or mailed to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, c/o Joint Fiscal Office, 115 State Street, Montpelier, VT, 05633.