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Vermont Information Exchange for Women

Newsletter



March 30th, 2018

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED

The Vermont legislature will be holding public hearings on two critical issues impacting Vermont women and their families: **raising the minimum wage** and **paid family and medical leave insurance**. Lawmakers want to hear about your perspective and experience with these important topics. Come share your voice.



Public Hearing on Raising the Minimum Wage

[Thursday, April 5 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., in Room 11, Vermont State House, Montpelier](#)

The House General, Housing, and Military Affairs Committee is holding a public hearing on whether to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour in Vermont.

Given that women in Vermont are currently in a more precarious financial situation than men, and given that raising the minimum wage any amount would have a positive impact on many women, and given that raising women's earning would have an additional positive impact on Vermont and its economy, the Vermont Commission on Women supports efforts to increase the minimum wage as one strategy for promoting a livable income for Vermonters.

Read the bill, S.40, being considered by the House [here](#).

Tuesday, April 10th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Vermont State House, Montpelier

PUBLIC HEARING ON PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE

Come share your perspective and experience on this issue.
Lawmakers need to hear from you!

Public Hearing on Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance

[Tuesday, April 10 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Vermont State House, Montpelier](#)

The Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs is holding a public hearing on paid family and medical leave insurance.

The Vermont Commission on Women supports legislation, policies, programs, and initiatives that promote paid parental, family, and medical leave.

Read the bill, H.196, being considered by the Senate [here](#).

JOIN US FOR EQUAL PAY DAY TUESDAY, APRIL 10 | VERMONT STATE HOUSE

Equal Pay Day's date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year due to the gender wage gap. The [Vermont Commission on Women](#) (VCW), the [League of Women Voters of Vermont](#), and [Vermont Federation of Business and Professional Women \(BPW\)](#) invite you to this annual gathering of advocates at the State House

the morning of Equal Pay Day, Tuesday, April 10th, to help bring attention to the gender wage gap.

Upon opening of the day's legislative session, projected to be 10:30 a.m., a resolution designating it Equal Pay Day in Vermont will be read in the House, put forth by lead sponsor Representative Mollie Burke and other policymakers, and observed by advocates (like you) **dressed in red, symbolizing women being "in the red" due to the gender wage gap.**

At noon Governor Scott will sign an Equal Pay Day proclamation in his ceremonial office. This event will feature several speakers, including Dr. Wanda Heading-Grant, Vice President for Human Resources, Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, Marilyn Grunewald, BPW Parliamentarian, and Cary Brown, VCW's Executive Director.

Additionally, in the early morning, Change The Story VT (CTS) will join BPW in offering policymakers coffee and Vermont Works for Women's (VWW) Peanut Butter Bars (by suggested wage gap-related donation). The bars are made by VWW's FRESH Food employment skills program participants.

We're excited to be joined in the State House by advocates participating in the [Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence](#)'s annual Legislative Day!

Interested in joining us? We'd love to have you! RSVPs to VCW.info@vermont.gov are appreciated, but not necessary.



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