



## STRENGTHENING OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS

AIA Vermont is the voice of the architecture profession, advocating for statewide policies and initiatives that benefit our members and our communities.

Working with a lobbying firm will amplify this voice, helping us be a more effective representative for you in Montpelier.

## LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AFFECTING ARCHITECTS IN VERMONT

The Vermont Legislature is pursuing many issues that directly affect Vermont architects. A few of the issues AIAVT is actively involved in:

- Building and Energy Code Enforcement
- Act 250 Reform
- Affordable Housing Construction
- School Construction Aid
- Contractor Registry
- Statute of Repose
- Good Samaritan Law



## What will a Lobbying Firm do for us ?

Our lobbying firm will work closely with the AIAVT Public Policy Committee [PPC]. This support will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our volunteers.



### Strategy Development

Work with PPC to develop targeted advocacy priorities, strategic action plans, and message development.



### Bill Tracking and Reporting

Track policy initiatives and advise the PPC on legislative progress as it develops.



### Engage with Policymakers

Provide logistical support, arrange meetings, and assist with testimony in formal hearings

## Why is additional funding needed?

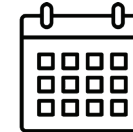
AIAVT is a volunteer-powered non-profit organization. Our income is balanced with our expenses each year, so engaging a lobbyist requires funding above and beyond our regular operating budget.



Hiring a lobbying firm is expected to cost between \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year, depending on the level of service provided.

This annual investment will allow for ongoing and sustainable advocacy work by AIAVT.

## When is the Legislature in session?



The Vermont legislature operates on a biennium schedule, with legislators serving 2-year terms. The session normally runs from early January to late April.

## Who are the Policymakers?



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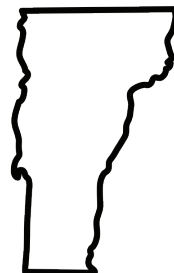
House Reps representing 104 Districts

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Senators representing 14 Districts

## Help us reach our goal!

We are asking all Vermont architects and AIAVT members to support this effort to hire a lobbying consultant.



You can do this by contributing an amount equal to **One Billable Hour** of your time.

By combining our resources and joining our voices, we will be a stronger advocate for our profession and our communities.

To support this effort, join us online at [aiavt.org/advocacy](http://aiavt.org/advocacy) or scan this QR code:



### Learn More

Read about AIAVT's advocacy work, PPC position papers, and the 2023-2027 AIAVT Strategic Plan

### Share Your Ideas

What are your legislative priorities? What's important to you? Submit your comments to the PPC

### Make a Contribution

Support our *One Billable Hour* campaign and make your contribution online.