Oversight in the News

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- Lawmakers question Luma Energy's ability to improve Puerto Rico's fragile power grid (NBC News, 10/5/2022)
  - In the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona, which caused an island-wide blackout in Puerto Rico, lawmakers and residents have expressed concerns about Luma Energy's ability to restore power to the more than 88,000 customers still without electricity. During a contentious legislative hearing, Luma Energy President Wayne Stensby defended the company's efforts, stating that 95% of customers have had their power restored, but local representatives questioned why entire neighborhoods remain in the dark. Protests have erupted across the island, with mayors and residents demanding action from Luma Energy. The company has been criticized for not providing detailed information on power restoration by municipality and for its coordination and communication with other agencies.

- Nonprofits call for stronger homelessness policy amid new legislative probe. (The San Juan Daily Star, 4/1/2026)
  - Nonprofit organizations in Puerto Rico called for stronger government policies to address homelessness as lawmakers launched a legislative investigation into the issue. According to

the groups, the probe should examine how agencies are using funds, coordinating services, and responding to the needs of unhoused people. The investigation is expected to focus on gaps in housing, mental health care, and long-term support programs.

- Senate panel investigates handling of federal healthcare funds in PR (San Juan Star, 5/7/2026)
  - Puerto Rico’s Senate Health Committee held a second public hearing under Senate Resolution 431 to examine how $19.5 billion in federal healthcare funds are managed and overseen within the island’s health system. According to testimony and committee findings, insurers participating in the Vital Plan owe more than $27 million to the University Hospital in Río Piedras, while unpaid claims exceeding $9.6 million have raised concerns about hospital stability and provider capacity. Sen. Juan Oscar Morales Rodríguez said the investigation is focused on whether the healthcare system is effectively delivering timely services and whether federal funds are being used properly through continued legislative oversight.