People-Centered Oversight

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In 2025, the Levin Center conducted a study of all 50 states to examine how legislatures ensure government programs work effectively for citizens. Factors such as legislative oversight committees, routine engagement with executive agencies, collection of casework data, digital transparency tools, and user-centered policy evaluation were of particular importance. The full report can be found **here**.

State Summary

The Indiana General Assembly had only one oversight committee listed on its website in 2024, the Legislative Council, and it did not appear to be very active as it only meets once a year to approve

and establish interim committees and study task forces for each session and approve administrative rules for the Legislature. Furthermore, the several interim committees that were approved by the Legislative Council had little online evidence of meaningful activity. Legislators in Indiana solicit messages and feedback from their constituents, though it is not immediately clear in our research how that feedback is incorporated into legislative work.

Indiana does collect and make available a number of financial and performance datasets through its Transparency Hub and its Data Portal, the latter of which appears to lack datasets in certain areas. These datasets are still a very promising start to collecting user-centered program data that can feed meaningful oversight.