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

Each chamber in the Rhode Island General Assembly has a committee dedicated to oversight, and both committees have demonstrated in recent years an impressive ability to conduct investigations.

The State of Rhode Island also maintains an impressive transparency portal with extensive reporting on metrics ranging from pavement conditions to the average age of Supreme Court cases, as well as comparisons to set target metrics and metrics in previous years. The breadth of available data and the implementation focus of selected metrics makes this tool a national leader.