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Jerralynn Ness
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Dear Jerralynn:

As a community leader, one of the areas of concern over the past couple of legislative sessions has been the manner in which the Legislative Assembly conducts its business.

The people of Oregon are its consumers. During this interim, work is being done on a business plan for the Legislative Assembly, to better serve the people of Oregon. I am very much interested in hearing from you, your views, and opinions regarding this matter. Your response is important and will be very helpful to me in representing your views and effecting changes in how our Legislative Assembly conducts its business.

Would you please help by answering the enclosed questionnaire in those areas in which you feel you can best respond.

Please return the questionnaire in the enclosed return envelope.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

John Meek

John
Thanks for the opportunity to
respond
Jenkins

Business Plan Questionnaire

Please return by January 7, 1993

A. External Environment

1. What Oregon trends will affect the way the Legislative Assembly conducts business in the next 5 - 10 years (e.g., economic, social, political, other?)

The loss of family wage jobs. The increase in the number of families living on low incomes who cannot afford the existing housing & child care options. The consequences of families suffering economically: domestic violence, homelessness, hunger, crime, tremendous loss of self-worth, faith, self-esteem and poor health.

2. What changes are and will be taking place with the "customers" of the Legislative Assembly and those who will supply information to it (those affected by or involved with the legislative process - including citizens, agencies, interest groups, and others)?

More ethnically diverse population & a ~~generation~~ generation for whom the American Dream — the opportunity to earn a living, to own a home, to educate their children & to afford ~~health~~ health care — has very little reality.

3. How should any of the above trends and changes affect the Legislative Assembly?

- Its processes - how it conducts business
- Its role
- The barriers it must overcome

4. What does the Legislative Assembly need to do to better perform its role and respond to its "customers?"

Never lose sight of the statesman role. Always remember that the purpose is to leave this place a better place. Always treat constituents concerns with respect, particularly when visits are made to Salem or testimony is given. Committee members who walk in & out of hearings or don't show up are perceived poorly by the public.

B. Legislative Business Processes

1. What should be the highest priority objectives of the legislature?

How to invest in Oregon's greatest resource — its people — in a way that is inclusive & provides the greatest opportunity or chance for even the least powerful & affluent to achieve the highest levels of self-reliance. And for those who are unable to ever earn an income, to achieve a life with dignity & as much independence as possible.

2. What policies, processes and procedures do you believe need to be improved in the legislature?

Perhaps establishing a mission statement for Oregon & a set of guiding values & principles — along with a business plan to achieve ^{our} vision. The Oregon benchmarks, in a sense, has moved us in that direction. But ~~is~~ is there a commitment to the benchmarks from the public or the legislature? ~~needed~~

4. What areas in your business/expertise does Government paperwork seem to be duplicated and/or routed excessively?

Not too much problem here.

5. Is there any information produced by the Legislative Assembly that is difficult to understand, is inaccurate, or could be more useful in some way? Please specify how this information could be improved.

No suggestions

C. Strategies for improvement

1. What other specific recommendations can you make to improve how the legislature conducts its business (e.g., related to organization, process, technology)?

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