

F I N A L R E P O R T

COMPUTER OUTREACH STUDY COMMITTEE

February, 1985

The Legislative Council established the Computer Outreach Study Committee to determine the accessibility of the general public to the legislative computer system for informational purposes. The Study Committee was initially authorized two meetings by the Legislative Council but the Study Committee met only once.

Members serving on the Study Committee were:

Senator Arthur A. Small, Jr., Chairman
Representative Jean Lloyd-Jones, Vice Chairwoman
Senator Merlin D. Hulse
Senator C. W. (Bill) Hutchins
Senator David M. Readinger
Representative Mike Connolly
Representative Delwyn Stromer
Representative Harlan W. Van Gerpen

The Study Committee met on October 3, 1984 at the State House. The Study Committee reviewed several policy issues relating to access to information on the legislative computer system and reviewed the capabilities of the Sperry system with Mr. Cal May of the Sperry Corporation.

Mr. May stated that the legislative computer system has a central library which will be available to whomever the Legislative Council determines should have access to it. The information which could be available include bill status, introduced bills and resolutions, Code base, and search capabilities. Mr. May also agreed to provide a list of computer equipment which would be able to communicate with the legislative computer system.

The Study Committee reviewed information provided by the Legislative Service Bureau regarding a National Conference of State Legislatures study relating to policies developed by other states in this area. Copies of the information are available in the offices of the Legislative Service Bureau.

The Computer Outreach Study Committee recommended that a policy be developed which will allow access to information by the public sector and the private sector. Following a general discussion of some of the technical issues which must be resolved, the Study Committee concluded that additional information would be necessary before the Study Committee had a proper basis upon which specific

recommendations could be developed for recommendation to the
Legislative Council.

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