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My concerns regarding the status quo are threefold. First, the AOC has undertaken costly projects without the requisite expertise to plan the projects and then oversee them properly. Second, the AOC has to address the perception in the Legislature that the AOC has wasted public funds and cannot manage its business affairs. Finally, the Committee structure is too time and resource-consuming in relation to the relative few changes RUPRO is willing to review.

I believe that the SEC report admirably addresses these concerns. The report details a process of Judicial Council oversight that relies on obtaining business analyses from independent entities before embarking on expensive infrastructure projects. It also outlines an oversight process based on metrics previously established in business analyses. As to restoration of credibility with the Legislature, the Report recommends streamlining the AOC's operations to create economic efficiencies and greater accountability. Finally, the recommendations set forth above also address my concern regarding the Committee system. In short, I support the findings in the SEC report.

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