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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Gary Stevens, Chair
Legislative Council

FROM: Jessica Geary 
Executive Director

DATE: June 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Continuity of Government (COG) Subcommittee

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to quickly create a contingency plan and develop safety protocols without thorough vetting. We developed procedures that continue to be modified as new information about the pandemic becomes available; however, we need a permanent Continuity of Government (COG) plan to ensure a measured and thorough response to this ongoing disaster and future events.

I recommend the formation of a Legislative Council subcommittee to create a permanent COG plan to be considered by the full Council. This subcommittee would also review and approve individual Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) for each section/office of the Legislature as appropriate.

Due to the enormity of this important task, I further recommend that we use specialized software to develop Continuity of Government/Continuity of Operations plans. Attached please find the Oregon Legislature's draft COG/COOP, which was created using this type of software.

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to answer questions or concerns.

Attachment: Oregon Legislature COG/COOP