

Gov 3.0
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uGov Project Overview



- ✖ Website that aggregates, translates, and informs citizens of actions taken by state and local legislatures.
 - + Uses state open-source information related to bill status, committee membership, and legislative contact information and presents them in a coherent, user friendly interface.

uGov PROJECT GOALS

Improve knowledge
of state legislative
process

Work with social
media sites to
improve citizen/
government
communication

Allow any citizen to
be their own
lobbyist

WHY *uGov* IS NECESSARY

Competitors

- Many other sites exist, but usually only compile bill status

Strengths

- *uGov* will also use this information but also give citizens a voice

Weaknesses

- Small scale at first
- Will have to focus on one state to begin with

uGov AND TECHNOLOGY

- ✖ Uses open-source information on bill status
 - + Up to date information that legislatures use themselves
 - + Translate bills at each levels
 - ✖ What changes have been made
- ✖ Uses open-source information on legislators
 - + Committee assignments
 - + Phone, email, and social media contact information

uGov AND TECHNOLOGY

- ✖ Allow citizens to create accounts
 - + Tag bills with keywords
 - + Citizens can flag tags that interest or concern them
- ✖ Notification System when bills are introduced and move through the process
 - + What does the bill say, what was changed since last action
 - + Translates legalese into key bullet points

WHY *uGov* IS UNIQUE

Follows bills and
allows ordinary
citizens to comment
and follow bills

Gives ordinary citizens
an opportunity to
become their own
lobbyists

For more info . . .

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