
MEMORANDUM

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To: Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology

From: Sean McSpaden, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: March 1, 2023

Subject: HB 2049 - Relating to Cybersecurity: Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2049 relates to cybersecurity. The introduced version of the measure establishes the Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence within Portland State University to supplement the cybersecurity related activities of the State Chief Information Officer. The measure further directs the center to coordinate, fund, and provide cybersecurity workforce development, education, awareness and training for public, private and nonprofit sector organizations, and cybersecurity-related goods and services to Oregon public bodies with a targeted focus on the unmet needs of regional and local governments, special districts, education service districts, K-12 schools, and libraries.

House Bill 2049 directs Portland State University, Oregon State University and the University of Oregon to jointly operate the center by agreement and to provide administrative and staff support and facilities for center operations. Further, the measure modifies the composition and duties, powers and functions of the Oregon Cybersecurity Advisory Council to serve as the advisory body for the center.

House Bill 2049 establishes several Funds and continuously appropriates moneys in the funds to the center to carry out the functions and operations of the center along with other activities more fully described within the Staff Measure Summary posted on OLIS. If passed into law, the measure becomes operative October 1, 2023, declares emergency, and is effective on passage.

Materials related to House Bill 2049 are posted on OLIS.

If adopted, the -2 Amendment would modify the definition proposed for “state government” in SECTION 7 (8) to exempt, and maintain independent authorities of, the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer. Further, the -2 Amendment would add six (6) nonvoting members to the Oregon Cybersecurity Advisory Council (SECTION 3) as follows:

1. one nonvoting member of the House of Representatives
2. one nonvoting member of the Senate
3. one ex officio, nonvoting member to represent the Secretary of State
4. one ex officio, nonvoting member to represent the State Treasurer
5. one ex officio, nonvoting member to represent the Attorney General
6. one ex officio, nonvoting member to represent the Oregon Department of Emergency Management

If the -2 Amendment is adopted, the composition of the Oregon Cybersecurity Advisory Council within HB 2049 would be 21 members total (15 voting and 6 nonvoting).

Recommended Changes - Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the -2 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -2 amendment to House Bill 2049. (VOTE)

Final Committee Action

LFO recommends that House Bill 2049 be reported out of the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology with a “do pass as amended” recommendation, and be referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

MOTION: I move that House Bill 2049 be reported out with a “do pass as amended” recommendation, and be referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. (VOTE)