

HB 2906 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Oregon Geographic Information Council within the office of State Chief Information Officer and specifies the membership, purposes and powers of this multi-jurisdictional council.

Requires public bodies, beginning in 2020, to share certain geospatial framework data under specified conditions and with specific limitations. The Oregon Geographic Information Council will determine what geospatial framework data is to be shared, how often, and under specific data standards adopted by this multi-jurisdictional council.

Requires the State Chief Information Officer to appoint a state geographic information officer to oversee and manage the State Chief Information Officer's duties and functions under the provisions of Act. The state geographic information officer will report to the State Chief Information Officer and support the Oregon Geographic Information Council's activities.

Requires the state geographic information officer to secure the geospatial data library, protect the availability and integrity of information in the library and provide secure electronic access to the library for purposes of sharing geospatial framework data.

Establishes an Oregon Geographic Information Council Fund and appropriates moneys in the fund to the State Chief Information Officer for the purposes described within the Act. Requires the State Chief Information Officer and the Oregon Geographic Information Council to submit a report by December 31 of each even number year to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly on fund balance and expenditures.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions and benefits of the measure
- JLCIMT/State CIO sponsored Geospatial Data Sharing Work Group. Work group membership and activities.
- Definition of geospatial data and geospatial framework data
- Importance of geospatial data and geospatial framework data sharing to the business of government at all levels (Federal, Tribal, Regional, State, and Local Government)
- Current limitations, duplication of efforts, and barriers that prevent effective geospatial data sharing among public bodies: privacy/confidentiality, liability, governance, intergovernmental agreements
- Costs of developing, managing, storing and sharing geospatial data
- No intent to impair intergovernmental groups from charging fees for geographic data under ORS 190.050.
- Inclusion of land ownership data within the spatial data library
- Local government data sharing with ODOT on culvert data
- Linkages between transportation planning, project tracking and the measure.
- Need for data standards and performance metrics on data sharing
- Need to keep data updated on a consistent and timely basis
- Need to maintain appropriate levels of security, privacy, and confidentiality
- Need for mandatory data sharing between and among public bodies
- Need for coordination and collaboration between public bodies
- Need to coordinate and collaborate on appropriate interpretation and use of geospatial data
- Composition of the Oregon Geographic Information Council will change - currently membership is state agency-centric. In the future the council will be comprised of multi-jurisdictional representatives.
- Key role for geospatial framework implementation teams

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- Ability to build requirements for public ownership and sharing of geospatial data within government contracts
- Examples of legitimate exemptions from public disclosure of geospatial data
- Potential fiscal impacts of the measure. Geospatial Data Sharing Work Group efforts to reduce or eliminate fiscal impacts of the measure
- Possible amendments to the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment to the measure:

- Improves the readability and understanding of certain provisions.
- Adds city or county geographic information systems manager to list of council members.
- Explicitly includes representative from natural resource agency as potential council member
- Includes term of office language for council's chair and vice chair positions.
- Reinforces need for council and public bodies that have access to the data housed within the spatial data library to make known and honor legitimate restrictions placed on sharing or redistribution of shared data based on exemptions from public disclosure, or various claims of copyright or other proprietary interests.
- Removes emergency clause and includes effective date for measure - 91 days following sine die of 2017 legislative session.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2906 (LC 2860) is a committee bill introduced by the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology (JLCIMT). The primary provisions within the bill were developed by a 24-member geospatial data sharing work group that was established and jointly sponsored by the JLCIMT and the State Chief Information Officer. The multi-jurisdictional work group was formed immediately following the 2016 annual session to comprehensively study the current practices, issues, barriers, and concerns, and identify possible solutions to barriers, that prevent public bodies in Oregon from effectively and efficiently sharing geospatial framework data with one another and on a statewide basis. Based on that information, the work group was tasked with drafting suggested language for a legislative concept that work group participants could recommend for JLCIMT introduction during the 2017 legislative session. The activities of the work group were jointly led/facilitated by the Legislative Fiscal Office (the JLCIMT's Committee Administrator) and the Office of the State CIO (the State's Geographic Information Officer).