

HB 2906

Relating to sharing geographic information

HB 2906 is about geospatial framework data sharing among and between public bodies. This data is vital to virtually every program area and at all levels of government.

To govern this data sharing, the measure establishes a multi-jurisdictional, Oregon Geographic Information Council comprised of representatives from affected federal, tribal, regional, state and local government agencies, universities, public utilities, and special districts across Oregon. Together, the members of the council will determine what data is to be shared, how often, and under what standards.

HB 2906 requires the State Chief Information Officer to appoint a state geographic information officer that will, among other duties, support the council's activities. The measure directs this officer to protect the information housed with Oregon's geospatial data library and provide secure electronic access to the library for data sharing purposes.

The bill will help improve government decision making, service delivery, and multi-agency cooperation, and the data sharing called for by HB 2906 will enhance emergency management and public safety.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 2906 be amended by the –5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.