

HB 2906 (overview summary):

Legislative Concept 2860 was approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology on February 9, 2017.

LC 2860 was introduced as House Bill 2906, received its first reading on the House Chamber on February 13, 2017.

LC 2860 has five (5) primary components:

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

(Note - this council has existed under executive order since 2000 but current the membership is predominantly comprised of state agencies. This bill will move the council from EO to statute and expand and make the membership more representative of regional, county, city government and special district entities across the state.)

- 2. Requires public bodies, beginning in 2020, to share certain geospatial framework data under specified conditions and with specific limitations. The multi-jurisdictional council will determine what data is shared, how often and under what data standards.**

- o (The delay in implementation will give the multi-jurisdictional council time to form up.)*

- 3. Requires the State Chief Information Officer to appoint a state geographic information officer to oversee and manage State Chief Information Officer's duties and functions under provisions of Act. The state geographic information officer will report to the State CIO and support the council's activities.**

- o (Note: this is not a new position. This position is already established in the Office of the State CIO but is not currently named in statute. This is something that the multi-jurisdictional workgroup participants strongly support.)*

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

- o (Note: this is an existing responsibility of the person currently in the job within the Office of the State CIO. Further, the Oregon geospatial data library already exists for this purpose.)*

5. Establishes an Oregon Geographic Information Council Fund and appropriates moneys in fund to State Chief Information Officer for purposes of Act.

- o *(Note: Establishment of this account will increase transparency on funds used for geospatial framework data development, management and sharing, and enable the State CIO to go after and accept federal grants, donations, other funding for this purpose on behalf of the council.)*

Current Status

The bill was originally referred by the House Speaker to the JLCIMT. As the JLCIMT Committee Administrator, Sean scheduled the first public hearing to occur on February 23rd.

A few days before the hearing, Sean was informed that there was a logistical issue with the House Rules that prevented referral to the JLCIMT.

Broadly, here is the issue -

Each legislative session, the Senate and the House independently adopt rules that govern how they plan to operate in each Chamber during the session.

One component of those rules deals with referrals of bills to legislative committees.

As it turns out, for the 2017 legislative session, the rules adopted by the Senate were broad and allowed the President of the Senate to refer bills to any committee of the legislature (paraphrasing).

However, the rules adopted by the House were narrow and specific and included a specific list of committees to which the House Speaker could refer bills.

As it was explained to Sean, the Joint Legislative Audits Committee (JLAC) and the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology (JLCIMT) were inadvertently left off the list.

It was simply an oversight that needs to be corrected via a House rules change.

When Sean/LFO became aware of the issue during the week of February 20th, they and the JLCIMT Co-Chairs did not want the bill to be referred to a random committee of the legislature.

With that, the Legislative Fiscal Officer worked with House leadership and requested that HB 2906 be referred, for now, to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means (JWM) simply as a safe place to be held until the rule change was made.

That was done as Sean's office, the Legislative Fiscal Office, supports three committees of the legislature - the JWM, JLAC, and the JLCIMT.

At this point, there is plenty of time left in the legislative session to work HB 2906 through the legislative process.

The Co-Chairs of the JLCIMT want HB2906 (which is a JLCIMT committee bill) to be referred to and worked by the JLCIMT.

Sean indicates that they expect a House rule change to occur at some point soon.

When that occurs, Sean expects HB 2906 to be referred back to the JLCIMT. At that point, the bill should move forward as originally planned (Public hearings, work sessions, etc.) in the JLCIMT.

- Next steps - once HB 2906 is available and assigned back to the JLCIMT, Sean will work with the JLCIMT Co-Chairs to schedule initial public hearings for the bill.
- In the meantime, Sean and I have reconvened the workgroup to review the bill and discuss any amendments that may need to be made. That meeting occurred on February 22, 2017. As per usual, the meeting minutes were posted on the Geospatial Data Sharing Workgroup website.
- Any JLCIMT public hearings and work sessions for HB 2906 will be publicly noticed on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Measures/Overview/HB2906>