
HOUSE BILL 1659

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1 AN ACT Relating to computer-based geographic information; creating
2 new sections; making an appropriation; and providing an expiration
3 date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares:

6 (1) Property management, planning, risk assessments, and
7 environmental decision making at all levels of government and in the
8 private sector rely heavily on geographic information and various
9 mapping and surveying techniques;

10 (2) Many entities, both public and private, have similar needs and
11 overlapping requirements for geographic information;

12 (3) Many local, state, and federal government agencies and private
13 companies in Washington are now using computers to manage geographic
14 information;

1 (4) There are many issues associated with the development, use,
2 maintenance, and exchange of and access to computer-based geographic
3 information.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) There is hereby created a geographic
5 information task force that is to be convened by the department of
6 information services.

7 (2) The task force shall be composed of fifteen members as follows:

8 (a) The director of the department of information services;

9 (b) Five representatives from diverse state agencies, departments,
10 or commissions having expertise and experience with geographic
11 information systems, appointed by the governor;

12 (c) Two representatives of counties having expertise and experience
13 with geographic information systems, one of whom shall be appointed by
14 the speaker of the house of representatives and one by the president of
15 the senate, upon the recommendation of the association of Washington
16 counties;

17 (d) Two representatives of cities having expertise and experience
18 with geographic information systems, one of whom shall be appointed by
19 the speaker of the house of representatives and one by the president of
20 the senate, upon the recommendation of the association of Washington
21 cities;

22 (e) The chief of the mapping division, United States geological
23 survey;

24 (f) The director (Washington), United States bureau of land
25 management;

26 (g) Regional forester, United States Forest Service;

27 (h) The executive director, Washington land surveyors association,
28 or other representative of that association; and

1 (i) The executive director, Washington council of civil engineers
2 and land surveyors, or a representative.

3 (3) Staff support shall be provided to the task force by the
4 department of information services.

5 (4) The task force shall create and appoint members to technical
6 advisory committees who shall assist the task force in developing its
7 recommendations. The technical advisory committees shall include
8 representatives of the public, private, and academic sectors and shall
9 reflect varying responsibilities for the development and use of
10 geographic and land information systems.

11 (5) The task force shall meet a minimum of four times before the
12 submission of the report required under section 3 of this act. The
13 task force shall terminate on March 1, 1993.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The task force shall submit a report to
15 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by
16 January 1, 1993. The report shall include at a minimum recommendations
17 for the following:

18 (1) An organizational and institutional structure to foster the
19 cost-effective development and exchange of geographic information;

20 (2) The roles and responsibilities of agencies, private sector
21 firms, and individuals involved in the development and use of
22 geographic information;

23 (3) Procedures for ensuring accuracy and quality of geographic
24 information;

25 (4) Procedures for data sharing;

26 (5) Mechanisms for funding the development of geographic
27 information;

28 (6) Specific steps, such as legislation, necessary to accomplish
29 the above;

1 (7) Development of a definition of geographic information systems,
2 land information systems, and other applicable systems and their
3 potential uses; and

4 (8) Procedures to ensure the integrity of data developed by those
5 professionals subject to licensing or registration requirements.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall expire July 1, 1993.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as
8 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
9 ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the department of
10 information services for the purposes of this act.