
SENATE BILL 5902

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1 AN ACT Relating to a geographic information council; adding new
2 sections to chapter 43.30 RCW; creating a new section; making an
3 appropriation; and providing an expiration date.

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

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

6 (1) There is a need for a common base of geographic information and
7 organization to enable the information to be readily translatable,
8 retrievable, and geographically referenced for use by any state, local,
9 or governmental unit or utility;

10 (2) Property management, planning, risk assessments, and
11 environmental decision making at all levels of government and in the
12 private sector rely heavily on geographic information and various
13 mapping and surveying techniques;

14 (3) Many entities, both public and private, have similar needs and
15 overlapping requirements for geographic information;

16 (4) Many local, state, and federal government agencies and private
17 companies in Washington are now using computers to manage geographic
18 information; and

1 (5) 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.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created a geographic information council.

7 (2) The council shall consist of not more than twenty-three
8 representatives, and shall be composed of:

9 (a) One representative of higher education, appointed by the
10 council of presidents;

11 (b) Four representatives of local government, appointed as follows:
12 One by the Washington association of county officials; one by the
13 Washington state association of counties; and two by the association of
14 Washington cities;

15 (c) One tribal representative of the federally recognized Indian
16 tribes of Washington;

17 (d) One representative of the private sector, appointed by the
18 chair in consultation with an association representing business;

19 (e) One representative of the federal government, appointed by the
20 chair in consultation with the federal geographic data committee; and

21 (f) One member representing the legislative branch of state
22 government to be appointed jointly by the executive directors of the
23 legislative service center and the legislative evaluation and
24 accountability program committee.

25 The council shall elect one of its members to serve as chair. The
26 chair shall appoint the remaining fourteen members that shall represent
27 the regional government or private sectors. The regional
28 representation shall include the director or a designee from state
29 agencies having expertise and experience with geographic information
30 systems, including but not limited to representatives of the department
31 of wildlife, department of natural resources, department of information
32 services, department of transportation, department of social and health
33 services, and office of financial management.

34 (3) The council may create and appoint members to technical
35 advisory committees to assist the council in developing its
36 recommendations. The technical advisory committees shall reflect
37 varying responsibilities for the development and use of geographic and
38 land information systems.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The council is responsible for:

4 (1) The development of policy and standards for ensuring accuracy
5 and quality of geographic information;

6 (2) The development of policies and standards for data definitions
7 and data sharing;

8 (3) Identifying applications of geographic information to support
9 public service needs and decision-making capabilities;

10 (4) Recommending actions to meet geographic information needs in
11 the state of Washington;

12 (5) Fostering cooperation among federal, tribal, private, and local
13 and state government entities in using and sharing geographic
14 information;

15 (6) Serving as a forum for the exchange of educational information
16 and development of geographic information practices;

17 (7) Identifying mechanisms for funding the development of
18 geographic information;

19 (8) Specific steps, such as legislation, necessary to accomplish
20 subsections (1) through (7) of this section; and

21 (9) Identifying responsibilities for maintaining geographic
22 information data.

23 Information technology policies and standards shall be subject to
24 the review and approval by the information services board.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of dollars, or as much
26 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
27 June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the department of natural
28 resources for the purpose of this act.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act expires June 30, 1999.

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