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HOUSE BILL NO.

Geographic information systems governance structure.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of the government;
2 creating the geospatial resources division within the
3 department of enterprise technology services; creating the
4 Wyoming geospatial governance council; specifying powers
5 and duties of the division and council; providing for the
6 development, operation and maintenance of a Wyoming
7 geospatial data portal; making conforming amendments;
8 providing definitions; providing appropriations;
9 authorizing positions; and providing for an effective date.

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11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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1 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-2908 and 9-2-2909 are created to
2 read:

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4 **9-2-2908. Geospatial resources division; duties;**
5 **powers.**

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7 (a) The administrator of the geospatial resources
8 division shall be the geospatial information officer.

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10 (b) The geospatial resources division shall:

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12 (i) Assist, support and coordinate with the
13 University of Wyoming in the development, operation and
14 maintenance of a Wyoming geospatial data portal. The
15 Wyoming geospatial data portal shall:

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17 (A) Be hosted and maintained by the
18 University of Wyoming, in coordination with the division;

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20 (B) Function as a statewide geospatial data
21 clearinghouse and serve as the state's central access point
22 for publicly available geospatial data while authorizing
23 each person contributing geospatial data to maintain

1 stewardship of the person's geospatial data in accordance
2 with the rules of the council;

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4 (C) Provide centralized search, mapping and
5 related tools to discover, access, integrate and reuse
6 publicly available geospatial data;

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8 (D) Comply with the standards and policies
9 adopted by the council.

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11 (ii) Coordinate the sharing of geospatial data
12 among state agencies and, as appropriate, federal agencies,
13 local governments, tribal governments, post-secondary
14 institutions and other public entities;

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16 (iii) Administer, implement and enforce rules
17 promulgated by the council and guidance issued by the
18 council pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2909.

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20 (c) The geospatial resources division may:

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22 (i) Provide, to the greatest extent possible, and
23 at the request of state agencies and local governments,

1 technical assistance to state agencies and local
2 governments regarding geographic information systems and
3 geospatial data;

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5 (ii) Subject to W.S. 9-1-208, apply for, receive,
6 accept and administer federal, state or other grants to
7 enhance statewide coordination and implementation of
8 geographic information systems and to acquire, develop,
9 maintain or enhance shared geographic information systems,
10 including geospatial data;

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12 (iii) Subject to W.S. 9-1-208, enter into
13 agreements with federal and state agencies, local
14 governments, tribal governments, post-secondary
15 institutions and other public entities regarding the
16 development, maintenance, administration and operation of
17 the Wyoming geospatial data portal and the coordination,
18 sharing and use of geographic information systems and
19 geospatial data.

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21 **9-2-2909. Wyoming geospatial governance council.**
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1 (a) There is created the Wyoming geospatial governance
2 council. The council shall consist of nine (9) voting
3 members, including eight (8) members who are residents of
4 Wyoming appointed by the governor with the advice and
5 consent of the senate and one (1) member who is the
6 geographic information officer. The eight (8) members of
7 the council appointed by the governor shall, to the extent
8 possible, collectively represent public and private users
9 of geographic information systems and geospatial data,
10 including state agencies, local governments, tribal
11 governments, private industry and post-secondary
12 institutions.

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14 (b) The terms of the council members appointed by the
15 governor shall be three (3) years, except that upon initial
16 appointment three (3) members shall serve for three (3)
17 years, three (3) members shall serve for two (2) years and
18 two (2) members shall serve for (1) year as designated by
19 the initial appointment. The initial appointments shall be
20 made not later than July 1, 2027. The geographic
21 information officer shall not serve for a fixed term but
22 shall serve on the council for as long as the officer
23 serves as the geographic information officer.

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2 (c) The governor may remove any council member
3 appointed by the governor as provided by W.S. 9-1-202. If a
4 vacancy occurs for a council member appointed by the
5 governor, the governor shall appoint a new member as
6 provided in W.S. 28-12-101.

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8 (d) The chairman of the council shall be the
9 geographic information officer. The council shall annually
10 elect a vice-chairman and secretary from among the members
11 of the council appointed by the governor. The council shall
12 have not less than four (4) regularly scheduled meetings
13 each year and may meet at the call of the chairman or upon
14 request of a majority of the members at other times. For
15 the purpose of conducting council business, five (5)
16 members constitute a quorum.

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18 (e) The council is subject to the requirements of:

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20 (i) The Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act;

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22 (ii) The Public Records Act;

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1 (iii) The public meetings requirements of W.S.
2 16-4-401 through 16-4-408.

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4 (f) The council shall:

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6 (i) Promulgate rules establishing statewide
7 standards and policies for the acquisition, maintenance,
8 documentation, sharing, use and security of geospatial data
9 and related geographic information resources within the
10 Wyoming geospatial data portal;

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12 (ii) Promulgate rules establishing statewide
13 standards and policies for framework geospatial data,
14 including designating framework data themes and
15 authoritative sources for framework data;

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17 (iii) Advise the University of Wyoming and the
18 geospatial resources division on the development, operation
19 and maintenance of the Wyoming geospatial data portal;

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21 (iv) Advise the geospatial resources division on
22 statewide coordination, priorities, strategic planning,
23 data sharing and standards for geographic information

1 systems, including geospatial data and geospatial framework
2 data and on budget recommendations for the geospatial
3 resources division.

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5 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-2902(a) by creating a new
6 paragraph (iii), 9-2-2904(a) by creating new paragraphs
7 (xii) through (xiv), 9-2-2905(b) and 9-2-2906(b)(x) are
8 amended to read:

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10 **9-2-2902. Department divisions.**

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12 (a) The department shall consist of the following
13 divisions in addition to the office of the director of the
14 department:

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16 (iii) Geospatial resources division.

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18 **9-2-2904. Definitions.**

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20 (a) As used in this article:

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22 (xii) "Council" means the Wyoming geospatial
23 governance council;

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2 (xiii) "Geospatial data" means information that
3 is tied to a location on, above or below the surface of the
4 earth that identifies or describes the geographic location,
5 boundaries, characteristics or phenomena of natural or
6 human-constructed features or the earth's inhabitants.
7 "Geospatial data" may be represented by latitude and
8 longitude, state plane coordinates, other coordinate
9 systems, identification codes or associated descriptive
10 data;

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12 (xiv) "Geospatial framework data" means
13 geospatial data consisting of foundational data themes that
14 are broadly used by public or private organizations within
15 a geographic area to develop, display, analyze or integrate
16 other geospatial data or thematic data layers.

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18 **9-2-2905. Duties of the department in assisting the**
19 **governor.**

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21 (b) This article shall be construed to provide the
22 governor, through the department, with a more coordinated
23 and responsive system of information technology management

1 of the executive branch of state government, and to
2 preserve and protect the separation of powers mandated by
3 article 2, section 1 of the Wyoming constitution. The
4 legislature and the judiciary shall cooperate with the
5 department and may utilize the services and assistance of
6 the department to achieve economy in government, but
7 procedures concerning information technology, geographic
8 information systems and geospatial data ~~procedures~~
9 affecting the administration of the legislature shall be
10 determined by the legislature and the management council,
11 and procedures concerning information technology,
12 geographic information systems and geospatial data
13 ~~procedures~~ affecting the administration of the judiciary
14 shall be determined by the judges for their respective
15 courts, and they shall not be bound by rules and
16 regulations promulgated by the department.

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18 **9-2-2906. Office of the state chief information**
19 **officer and director; authority; duties of department.**

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21 (b) The department shall carry out the following
22 coordination and management functions:

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1 (x) Enhance geographic information systems
2 coordination among all governmental users of geographic
3 information systems through the geospatial resources
4 division and subject to the rules of the council as
5 provided in W.S. 9-2-2908 and 9-2-2909;
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7 **Section 3.**
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9 (a) The department of enterprise technology services
10 is authorized three (3) full-time positions for the period
11 beginning July 1, 2027 and ending June 30, 2028 for
12 purposes of implementing this act.
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14 (b) There is appropriated three hundred forty-two
15 thousand eight hundred thirty-one dollars (\$342,831.00)
16 from the general fund to the department of enterprise
17 technology services for purposes of funding the positions
18 created by subsection (a) of this section for the period
19 beginning July 1, 2027 and ending June 30, 2028. This
20 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
21 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
22 remaining from this appropriation on June 30, 2028 shall
23 revert as provided by law.

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2 (c) It is the intent of the legislature that the
3 positions authorized under subsection (a) of this section
4 be included, and the appropriation in subsection (b) of
5 this section be included and doubled, in the standard
6 budget for the department of enterprise technology services
7 for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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9 (d) There is appropriated eight hundred ninety-two
10 thousand five hundred forty dollars (\$892,540.00) from the
11 general fund to the department of enterprise technology
12 services for purposes of entering into a contract or
13 agreement with the University of Wyoming for the
14 development, operation and maintenance of the Wyoming
15 geospatial data portal as required by this act. This
16 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
17 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2028. This
18 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
19 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
20 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
21 by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the
22 legislature that this appropriation be included and doubled
23 in the standard budget of the department of enterprise

1 technology services for the immediately succeeding fiscal
2 biennium.

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4 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
5 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
6 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
7 Constitution.

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9 (END)