

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

February 8, 2005 Hearing Room 357

1:00 P.M. Tapes 13 - 14

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John Dallum, Chair

Rep. Jerry Krummel, Vice-Chair

Rep. Chuck Burley

Rep. Brad Witt

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Kelley Wirth, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Dallas Weyand, Committee Administrator

Louann Rahmig, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

State Geographic Information System Initiatives – Informational Meeting

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TAPE 13, A

004	Chair Dallum	
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Calls the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Welcomes new committee member Rep. Witt.

- 005 Rep. Brad Witt House District 31. Introduces himself and provides background.
- 028 Chair Dallum Advises Rep. Wirth is excused and opens the informational meeting on state geographic information system initiatives.

STATE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM INITIATIVES - INFORMATIONAL MEETING

- 031 Don Fleming State Chief Information Officer, DAS. Introduces the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) overview.
- 039 Cy Smith Distributes a hard copy of the GIS PowerPoint presentation and describes the need for the project (**EXHIBIT A**).
- 081 Smith Explains that Phase I of GIS required collaboration of many jurisdictions to acquire information.
- 101 Chair Dallum Asks who has been involved.
- 103 Smith Responds that local and county governments, surveyors, and state and federal agencies have voluntarily contributed to this point.
- 121 Smith Explains that the groundwork has been laid for Phase II, which is about data and needed capabilities.
- 156 Rep. Krummel Asks for clarification that some counties do not have GIS mapping capabilities within their boundaries.
- 170 Smith Replies, that is exactly right.
- 176 Smith Advises that a group was formed to identify the types of data needed and to develop national standards.
- 190 Rep. Krummel Inquires if we could already have a statewide system using the national standards.

196	Smith	Answers, no. Indicates the seven national standards have been adopted, but Oregon standards are also needed.
206	Fleming	Points out that Phase I is the information technology part of this project, and Phase II creates the data and puts capabilities in place. Explains that Phase II is about a business model, funding and ownership.
235	Rep. Krummel	Comments that the Oregon standards look like a subset of the national standards. Expresses concern about “reinventing the wheel.”
253	Smith	Advises that Oregon is trying to adopt the national standards and only building Oregon standards when national standards do not exist.
275	Chair Dallum	Asks if the metropolitan areas have a complete integrated system.
281	Smith	Replies, some areas do, such as Portland, Lane County, Marion County, and the Bend/Deschutes area.
292	Chair Dallum	Inquires if all levels of government are represented in those areas that are integrated.
296	Smith	Replies, probably not.
304	Smith	Continues, using an animated example on how to get an ambulance to the correct address.
361	Smith	Discusses how collaborative mapping was done during the 2002 Sheldon Ridge fire in Wasco County.

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030	Chair Dallum	Comments on personal experience with the Sheldon Ridge fire.
062	Smith	Reiterates that GIS data comes from a variety of sources, and the groundwork has been laid for data sharing.
071	Smith	Outlines that the several layers of government involved cause difficulties to overcome.

091	Rep. Krummel	Points out that special districts and water suppliers may be involved as well.
111	Smith	Indicates that governance is a key difficulty to be addressed.
122	Smith	Advises that the existing Oregon Geographic Information Council has served a vital role in coordination.
134	Smith	Comments that moving from Phase I to Phase II is not a technology issue.
141	Fleming	Interjects that without business ownership from all levels of government working together, the project will not be successful.
183	Dallas Weyand	Committee Administrator. Reports that the Department of Revenue is responsible for Oregon Mapping System. Asks how closely DAS is working with the Department of Revenue.
206	Smith	Replies, working very closely with that program. Explains that each layer of map data has a committee working to develop or adopt a standard.
229	Smith	Discusses the action plan for Phase II implementation.
279	Smith	Stresses that technology and training will be part of the implementation plan.
292	Fleming	Discusses the problems of creating the capabilities and keeping the data current with coordinated updates.
313	Smith	Concludes, leadership, funding and control are key.
332	Fleming	Comments that similar governance and funding problems exist in other projects.
352	Rep. Burley	Agrees that problems are nontechnical. Shares that it is extremely costly to capture and digitize data, so setting standards is critical.
376	Rep. Burley	Expresses concern with security to protect the investment. Offers that Native American cultural sites need to be included in GIS.

390 Fleming States that other initiatives are under way to improve cyber security capabilities in the state.

410 Fleming Requests an opportunity to return with additional information.

TAPE 13, B

003 Chair Dallum Requests clarification that there is no one place in the state that “puts it all together.”

006 Smith Replies, that is correct.

011 Chair Dallum Suggests that this committee could be a catalyst for at least a pilot project. Asks if there are any other models that have formed a group of government agencies from all levels.

016 Smith Answers, yes. Advises that: Virginia has models around transportation and aerial imagery; North Carolina is proposing something similar to GIS; New Jersey; New York City has a GIS utility that is similar.

024 Chair Dallum Requests information on those models for the committee’s review.

030 Rep. Witt Comments on the importance of this data. Cites personal experience with studies of landslides.

085 Chair Dallum States that this committee is interested in providing information statewide. Asks if any legislation is needed.

097 Smith Replies, not at this time, but may need assistance when the business case is completed.

103 Chair Dallum Requests that this project be expedited.

109 Chair Dallum Closes the informational meeting on state geographic information system initiatives and adjourns the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A. Geographic Information Systems PowerPoint, presentation, Cy Smith, 28 pp