

SESSION OF 2012

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2175**

As Agreed to May 16, 2012

**Brief\***

HB 2175 would create the Kansas Geographic Information Systems Policy Board (Board) within the Office of Information Technology Services to coordinate and promote efficiency in geographic information systems used throughout Kansas. It would be a standing advisory committee to the Information Technology Executive Council. The Board would consist of 23 members, with 11 to be appointed by the Governor and the other 12 members statutorily defined officials or their designees. Board members would receive no compensation, subsistence allowance, mileage, or associated expenses from the state for their Board participation. The bill would create the Office of the State Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Officer to perform duties as specified in the legislation.

All state agencies would be directed to cooperate with both the new board and state office.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

**Conference Committee Action**

The Conference Committee agreed to delete the contents of HB 2175 and insert Senate Sub. for HB 2650 (as

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amended by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means), changing the title accordingly, with additional amendments as follows:

- Board membership would increase from 21 to 23 members, with the addition of the following two statutorily defined officials:
  - The State Librarian or the State Librarian's designee; and
  - The Executive Director of the Information Network of Kansas, Inc., or the director's designee.

### **Background**

**HB 2175**, as amended by the Senate Committee on Transportation, would repeal statutes establishing the Highway Advisory Commission and the Frontier Military Scenic Byway. Repeal of those statutes was accomplished by the passage of the 2011 conference committee report for SB 115.

As it left the House, **HB 2650**, in response to the Governor's Executive Order No. 11-46, placed the Executive Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO) within the Department of Administration, with the position reporting directly to the Governor. The Governor's Executive Order 11-46 directed the Executive CITO to manage and order Executive Branch information technology systems in a uniform, efficient, service-oriented, and cost-effective manner.

Testifying in support of HB 2650 was the Executive CITO, who indicated by reorganizing the Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC) the Governor's executive order would be implemented. There were no other conferees, either as proponents or opponents.

The House Committee on Government Efficiency amended the bill, in concert with the Executive CITO, to

clarify certain aspects of the reorganization left out of the bill as introduced.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to add the provisions of 2012 HB 2724 that would establish the Kansas One Map Act and would require implementation of an overall Kansas Land and Geographic Resources Program through the use of a geographic information system (GIS). A new policy board and a new state office and officer would be created to implement the provisions in the Act.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee deleted the provisions of HB 2650, retaining solely the contents of the Kansas One Map Act. The Committee amended the provisions of the Kansas One Map Act to clarify that GIS Policy Board Members would receive no compensation from the state for expenses associated with Board participation.

The fiscal note for HB 2650, as introduced, stated the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations of the Department of Administration. No revised fiscal note was available for the bill as amended by the House Committee on Government Efficiency.

The fiscal note for HB 2650, as amended by the House Committee of the Whole, which was addressed in HB 2724 (as introduced), indicated funding for the Kansas Data and Support Center would be continued through the Office of Information Technology Services and directed to the Kansas Geographical Survey, which currently houses and supports this function. The original fiscal note did not address the costs of a policy board, a new state office, or the state officer authorized in the legislation.

No revised fiscal note for HB 2650, as passed by the House, was submitted after HB 2724 was included in the bill, as amended by the House Committee of the Whole.

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