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Senator Julie Fahey, Chair
House Committee on Rules
900 Court St NE
State Capitol
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Re: HB2267 – Oregon Geographic Information Council Membership

Dear Chair Fahey:

This letter seeks support for HB2267 which removes the requirement that term of office for members of the Oregon Geographic Information Council begin on January 1.

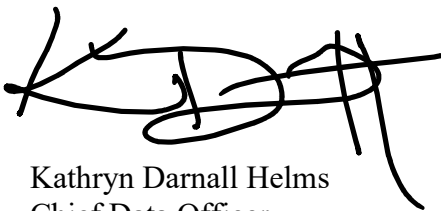
The Geographic Information Council serves as the statewide governing body for sharing and managing geospatial framework data. Given this charge, it is important that the council have membership that can work continuously without disruption. The current membership terms contribute challenges to council performance and knowledge transfer as the council terms are currently all prescribed to begin January 1.

HB2267 enables staggered terms by allowing council members to serve a full term, which is two years for non-voting members and four years for voting members, from date of appointment. HB2267 removes the requirement for each term to begin January 1 and removes the requirement that appointments to vacancies are limited to the remaining period of the vacant term.

Enabling staggered terms will enable Enterprise Information Services to better support the council in efficacious and continuous good work.

Please contact me if I can provide additional clarification or information.

Sincerely,



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