

Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology Planning for Interim Committee Work (Topics for discussion)

Topic: Unification of Information Technology in the Executive Branch

The state's current IT operating environment is complex with state agencies managing and supporting multiple, redundant, and aging information systems that utilize diverse and, in many cases, outdated technologies. This results in an IT operating environment that is increasingly fragile, expensive and difficult to secure, maintain and support. It's estimated that 75-80% of the state's IT expenditures (approximately \$2.3 B for the 23-25 Biennium) are dedicated to maintenance & support of existing legacy systems. Limited funding exists for innovation or modernization.

Aging state government and agency information systems, networks and critical infrastructure are threatened by increasing and ever more sophisticated cyber-attacks. IT modernization planning efforts led by the State CIO's office reveal that hundreds of agency or statewide mission critical systems must be modernized or replaced in the next decade. Those modernization/replacement efforts will require a level of management/staff expertise and financial/personnel resources that simply don't currently exist and can't be uniformly replicated from one agency to the next.

Oregon's IT service delivery and operating model is also decentralized by agency except for enterprise information resources, technology, information security, and telecommunications operations and services managed and overseen by the State CIO.

The vast majority of the IT classified positions (managers and staff) within the executive branch (over 2300 positions spread across 50 state agency, boards and commissions) are established within and operate under the supervisory control and direction of individual state agencies. No supervisory reporting relationship between these agency IT managers/staff and the State CIO currently exists.

ORS 276A.300 imposes on state agencies the responsibility to secure information systems under their control in compliance with information security plans, policies, standards and procedures established by the State CIO. Senate Bill 90 (Chapter 513, 2017 Laws) unified the information security staff within the executive branch under the leadership of the State CIO. However, agencies still retain the operational staff and responsibility for operating, maintaining, and supporting their agency owned hardware, software, and applications. This creates an operational/security environment that is difficult to protect, manage and maintain.

Despite significant investment by the legislature over the past decade, the state data center is not fully utilized by all state agencies and will never be under a voluntary model of adoption. In 2025, over 25 executive branch agencies have self-reported hosting their own server equipment or computer room.

The last time the legislature attempted to change the organizational structure of IT within the Executive Branch was through the introduction of [SB 872 in 2017](#). That measure passed out of the JLCIMT with a Do-Pass as amended recommendation but remained in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means upon adjournment.

Question: After decades of decentralized, agency-centric IT and information security operations, has the time for structural change come?

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Legislative History - Unification of Information Technology in the Executive Branch

JLCIMT meeting - 09/21/2016

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2015I1/Committees/JLCIMT/2016-09-21-12-00/Agenda>
- Potential JLCIMT LC - Unification of IT Functions and Resources
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2015I1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/92581>
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2016091026>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2015I1/Committees/JLCIMT/2016-09-21-12-00/RecordingLog>

Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability - 03/20/2017

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017R1/Committees/SGGA/2017-03-20-13-00/Agenda>
- Senate Bill 872 (2017) - Public Hearing and Work Session -
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017R1/Committees/SGGA/2017-03-20-13-00/SB872/PAW/Details>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017R1/Committees/SGGA/2017-03-20-13-00/RecordingLog>
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2017031291>

JLCIMT meeting - 04/13/2017

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2017-04-13-13-00/Agenda>
- Senate Bill 872 (2017) - Public Hearing and Work Session
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2017-04-13-13-00/SB872/PUB/Details>
JLCIMT Recommendation: Do pass the A-Eng. and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2017041236>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2017-04-13-13-00/RecordingLog>

JLCIMT Meeting 06/01/2017

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2017-06-01-13-00/Agenda>
- Senate Bill 872 (2017) - Public Hearing and Work Session
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2017-06-01-13-00/SB872/PAW/Details>
JLCIMT Recommendation: Do pass the A-Eng. and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
- State CIO Assessment Briefing -
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/132074>
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2017061216>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2017-06-01-13-00/RecordingLog>

Note: SB 872 A remained in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means upon adjournment.

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JLCIMT Meeting - 01/11/2018

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017I1/Committees/JLCIMT/2018-01-11-12-30/Agenda>
- State CIO Assessment Briefing - Progress report on implementation
 - Materials: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017I1/Committees/JLCIMT/2018-01-11-12-30/MeetingMaterials>
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2018011040>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017I1/Committees/JLCIMT/2018-01-11-12-30/RecordingLog>

JLCIMT Meeting - 01/31/2019

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2019R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2019-01-31-13-00/Agenda>
- Materials: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2019R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2019-01-31-13-00/MeetingMaterials>
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2019011088>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2019R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2019-01-31-13-00/RecordingLog>

JLCIMT Meeting - 09/27/2023

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023I1/Committees/JLCIMT/2023-09-27-14-30/Agenda>
- Materials - Organizational Structure for IT within the Executive Branch
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023I1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/276968>
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2023091025>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023I1/Committees/JLCIMT/2023-09-27-14-30/RecordingLog>

JLCIMT Meeting - 01/10/2024

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023I1/Committees/JLCIMT/2024-01-10-14-30/Agenda>
- Materials: LC 136 - Assessment of IT in Executive Branch
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023I1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/279289>
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2024011027>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023I1/Committees/JLCIMT/2024-01-10-14-30/RecordingLog>

JLCIMT Meeting - 02/07/2024

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2024-02-07-15-00/Agenda>
- Senate Bill 1546 - Relating to Information Technology (Assessment of IT in Executive Branch)
Public Hearing
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2024-02-07-15-00/SB1546/PUB/Details>
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2024021077>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2024-02-07-15-00/RecordingLog>

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JLCIMT Meeting - 02/14/2024

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2024-02-14-15-00/Agenda>
- Senate Bill 1546 - Relating to Information Technology
Work Session: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2024-02-14-15-00/SB1546/WRK/Details>
JLCIMT recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means.
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2024021145>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2024-02-14-15-00/RecordingLog>

Note: SB 1546 remained in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means upon adjournment.

JLCIMT meeting - 09/24/2024

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023I1/Committees/JLCIMT/2024-09-24-08-30/Agenda>
 - Discussion of Potential JLCIMT Legislative Concepts
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2024091010>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023I1/Committees/JLCIMT/2024-09-24-08-30/RecordingLog>

JLCIMT Meeting - 03/07/2025

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2025-03-07-13-00/Agenda>
Informational Meeting - State IT Organizational Assessments & Models
HB 3230 - Relating to Information Technology (Assessment of IT in Executive Branch)
Public Hearing - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2025-03-07-13-00/HB3230/PUB/Details>
- Meeting Materials: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2025-03-07-13-00/MeetingMaterials>
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2025031092>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2025-03-07-13-00/RecordingLog>

JLCIMT Meeting - 03/28/2025

- Agenda: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2025-03-28-13-00/Agenda>
- Meeting Materials: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2025-03-28-13-00/MeetingMaterials>
HB 3230 - Relating to Information Technology (Assessment of IT in Executive Branch)
Work Session - <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2025-03-28-13-00/HB3230/WRK/Details>
JLCIMT Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means
- Recorded Content:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2025031375>
- Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Committees/JLCIMT/2025-03-28-13-00/RecordingLog>