

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 9:00 a.m. on February 17, 2012, in Room 783 in the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Michael Peterson (Unexcused)  
Representative Brian Weber (Excused)

Committee Staff Present:

Randy Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Chris Sevedge, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Joyce Hladky, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Mike Burgess (Proponent)  
Ivan Weichert, Director, Kansas Geographic Information Systems (Proponent)  
Rex Buchanan, Interim Director, Kansas Geological Survey

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Powell opened the floor for hearings on **HB2724 enacting Kansas one map; establishing a geographic information systems policy board and the position of geographic information systems officer.**

Representative Mike Burgess presented testimony in favor of **HB2724**. The bill will provide some legislative sponsorship of resources and policy that have the potential to have a profound effect on the way policy is created and debated. (Attachment 1)

Ivan Weichert, Director, Kansas Geographic Information Systems presented testimony in favor of **HB2724**. The bill seeks to make changes to the current governance structure of geographic information systems in the following three main areas:

- a. Establishes the Kansas Geographic Information Systems Policy Board in statute vs. gubernatorial executive order, where it has been since 1989 and last updated in 2006. The bill also reduces the number of members from 27-21.

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- b. Establishes the position of Geographic Information Officer (GIO) in the Office of Information Technology Services; a newly reorganized central IT office under the Kansas Executive Chief Information Technology Officer.
  
- c. Establishes a Kansas One Map Strategy, which would cause all state entities that implement GIS technologies to work closely with the GIS policy Board to continue to build and rely on a single central source of accurate and reliable geospatial data, data standards and best practices, to benefit all users in both the public and private sectors. (Attachment 2)

Rex Buchanan, Interim Director, Kansas Geological Survey, offered testimony in favor of **HB2724**.

The state's Data Access and Support Center (DASC) was established at the Kansas Geological Survey in 1991. Since that time, it has become a critical source of digital data and GIS leadership in the state and a national model of data dissemination. The relationship between DASC and the KGS is highly successful and is beneficial to both organizations. (Attachment 3)

There being no further testimony on **HB 2724**, Chairman Powell closed the hearings.

Sean Ostrow of the Revisor of Statutes Office provided an overview and the background of **HB2729** amending provisions relating to parks and recreation motor vehicle registration and permits.

*Representative Hayzlett offered a motion to favorably pass **HB2729** favorably. Representative Brookens seconded the motion. When called to a vote, motion carried unanimously.*

*Representative Hayzlett moved to adopt the technical amendment. Representative Collins seconded the motion. When called to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

*Representative Hayzlett offered a motion to favorably pass **HB2729** as amended. Representative Brookens seconded the motion. When called to a vote, motion carried.*

Sean Ostrow of the Revisor of Statutes Office distributed and presented a balloon amendment to **HB2730**. Mr. Ostrow reported that much of the amendment is technical in nature to clean up

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archaic language and to clean up language that is no longer in use. Mr. Ostrow answered questions of the Committee.

Representative Brookens offered a motion to adopt the balloon amendment. Representative Arpke seconded the motion.

Representative Brookens offered a motion to strike the language in line 35 on page 23 removing SGF. Representative Arpke seconded the motion.

Following discussion about the amendment pro and con, Representative Brookens withdrew the motion.

When called to a vote, the motion to adopt **SB2730** as amended and to favorably pass out carried.

Representative Powell announced there would be no Committee meeting on Monday, February 20, 2012.

Representative Williams extended sympathy to Representative Victors over the loss of her grandfather, the thoughts and prayers of the Committee are with her and her family.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.