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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS
AND INFORMATION POLICY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 178)

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 14B.1 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

2 The general assembly finds the following:

3 1. That information is a strategic asset of the state
4 which must be managed and coordinated. Such coordination must
5 be engaged in by individual state agencies as well as the
6 state as a whole given the expanding need, use, and importance
7 of information resources.

8 2. That the state must establish a framework for the
9 management of the state's information resources for the
10 review, improvement, integration, development, security, and
11 use of such resources.

12 3. That the principal objectives of information management
13 by the state are to provide better public access to public
14 information, to provide more effective and efficient delivery
15 of services by state agencies, and to enhance the
16 communications infrastructure available to the public.

17 4. That the effective management of information resources
18 requires all of the following:

19 a. A statewide strategic plan including management and
20 technical policy which supports the needs of individual state
21 agencies in accomplishing their defined missions.

22 b. A comprehensive plan regarding the design, acquisition,
23 security, and use of information resources.

24 c. A comprehensive plan regarding the operation of
25 communications systems and information resources that responds
26 to the information needs of state agencies and programs.

27 d. Consideration of the impact of information resources
28 management activities on the development and vitality of
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31 develop an integrated system which will meet the needs of
32 local governments.

33 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 14B.2 INFORMATION POLICY COUNCIL
34 CREATED -- DUTIES -- REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

35 1. An information policy council is created in the office

1 of the governor for the purpose of developing recommendations
2 for the coordination of the planning, acquisition,
3 installation, and use of all information technology by state
4 government and its agencies.

5 2. The council shall develop recommendations for policies,
6 procedures, standards, and guidelines to plan for, acquire,
7 implement, and manage the state's information resources.
8 Recommendations offered pursuant to this section shall respect
9 the rights of a state agency to control and use the
10 information developed by such agency in a manner which
11 facilitates the agency's ability to accomplish its stated
12 mission while attempting to ensure that the information
13 resource systems which exist or which will be created are
14 compatible in a statewide system which will provide ready
15 access to information, computing resources and capabilities,
16 or communication resources.

17 3. The council shall make recommendations specifically
18 related to all of the following:

19 a. A statewide strategic plan relating to the development
20 and management of communications systems and information
21 resources.

22 b. Expanded use of existing geographic information systems
23 and development of new systems throughout state government.

24 c. Development and promotion of a policy and procedures
25 for the fair and competitive procurement of information
26 technology consistent with published industry standards for
27 open systems. For purposes of this chapter, "open systems"
28 means those systems that allow a state agency the ability to
29 select and procure components from among various alternatives
30 by providing a vendor-neutral operating environment where
31 different computers, applications, system software, and
32 networks operate together easily and reliably.

33 d. Development of recommendations concerning open systems,
34 telecommunications, data integration, common software, and
35 deployment of state information resources, staff resources,

- 1 computer architecture, and disaster recovery planning.
- 2 e. Shared information and technology between state
3 agencies and other appropriate entities.
- 4 f. Development and use of the government services card
5 created pursuant to section 18.138.
- 6 g. Joint ventures with the federal government, other
7 states, and local governments concerning the use of
8 information resources and technology.
- 9 h. Legislation necessary to implement the recommendations
10 made by the council.
- 11 4. In developing recommendations pursuant to this section,
12 the council shall do all of the following:
- 13 a. Consult with state agencies concerning their
14 information needs and uses, and concerning existing efforts to
15 manage the collection, use, and dissemination of information.
- 16 b. Review appropriate federal standards, regulations, and
17 guidelines related to data and information resources, and
18 communications systems.
- 19 c. Review the activities of the federal government and
20 other states related to communications systems and information
21 resources.
- 22 d. Review the information needs and uses of local
23 governments and other potential users.
- 24 e. Review and pursue the opportunity for coordinating the
25 purchase of equipment and the implementation of a statewide
26 communications system, the training of personnel who will be
27 operating such a system, the development of data standards to
28 be applied to information and data available to the users of
29 such a system with the participating local governments.
- 30 f. Review the role of the private sector in the
31 development of statewide communication systems and consider
32 methods of involving the private sector in the development,
33 management, and dissemination of information resources.
- 34 g. Consider the issues of privacy and confidentiality
35 related to various types of information.

1 5. The council shall annually in January report its
2 recommendations made pursuant to this section to the general
3 assembly. The report shall be submitted to the secretary of
4 the senate and the chief clerk of the house in an electronic
5 format as designated by the secretary of the senate and the
6 chief clerk of the house.

7 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 14B.3 MEMBERSHIP -- APPOINTMENTS --
8 TERMS.

9 The governor shall appoint the members of the council in a
10 number as determined by the governor for unspecified terms.
11 The members shall be appointed to represent local, state, and
12 federal government users, private sector users, and citizens
13 knowledgeable concerning information policy issues.

14 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 14B.4 COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.

15 Members of the council shall be allowed their actual
16 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and may
17 be eligible to receive per diem pursuant to section 7E.6.

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EXPLANATION

19 This bill creates an information policy council for the
20 purpose of developing recommendations for the coordination of
21 the planning, acquisition, installation, and use of all
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23 The council is to make recommendations concerning the
24 statewide strategic plan relating to the development and
25 management of communications systems and information
26 resources. The council is to review activities on the
27 federal, state, and local level, as well as opportunities to
28 coordinate activities related to a statewide system with all
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S-3397

1 Amend Senate File 259 as follows:

2 1. Page 2, lines 26 and 27, by striking the words
3 "industry standards for open systems" and inserting
4 the following: "standards for open systems developed
5 by the American national standards institute or the
6 international standards organization".

7 2. Page 3, line 26, by inserting after the word
8 "communications" the following: "and information".

9 3. Page 3, line 31, by striking the word
10 "communication" and inserting the following:
11 "communications and information".

12 4. Page 3, by inserting after line 35 the
13 following:

14 "h. Review activities related to data processing
15 and automation needs that could be performed by the
16 private sector to determine if the private sector or
17 the state should perform the activities. The
18 objectives of such review are to achieve the goals of
19 such activities economically, to enhance productivity,
20 and to develop a strong technical private enterprise
21 sector in Iowa."

By RICHARD VARN

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S-3147

1 Amend Senate File 259 as follows:

2 1. Page 4, by striking lines 9 and 10, and
3 inserting the following:

4 "The governor shall appoint not more than thirteen
5 members to the council for unspecified terms to serve
6 at the pleasure of the governor. The governor shall
7 select from those members a chairperson who is subject
8 to senate confirmation."

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