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Senate Bill 569 & 570

Thank you colleagues of the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection for considering my testimony in favor of Senate Bills 569 & 570. These bills are primarily technical fixes requested by the Department of Administration.

SB 569 bill modernizes and provides consistency in the statutory language regarding municipalities filing certain documents with the state. It creates in statute one place for local governments to file municipal records, which is with the Secretary of Administration. The 2015-2017 biennial budget changed where local units of government are required to file certain information and documents from the office of the Secretary of State to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Administration. Some related statutory references were not included in the budget. SB 569 would modify those statutes so filing requirements were consistent throughout the statutes.

SB 569 also includes statutory language updates, changing the word “plat” to “scale map,” as has been requested by stakeholders. The bill reduces the number of copies for certain documents that must be provided to DOA from multiple copies to one copy. Finally, the bill deletes the population requirement in the statute so the noticing and filing requirements consistently apply to all annexations.

SB 570 eliminates a burdensome mandate on many Wisconsin government agencies. Current law requires 11 departments and agencies, to create plans to integrate land information and submit the plans to DOA. DOA has been unable to integrate the land information plans submitted by other agencies into a product of value for other state agencies and the public. Each agency has developed their own method for creating these plans, adding additional difficulty for DOA to integrate these plans.

SB 570 removes the requirement for state agencies to submit land information plans to DOA. By eliminating this section of the statutes, DOA staff will be able to focus on the digital parcel map and other duties as determined by law. Further, many state agency representatives have requested that this responsibility be removed from statutes.

I'd be happy to answer any questions you have. DOA will be testifying later on these bills and may be the best party to answer technical questions. Thank you.



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Senate Bill 570: relating to land information plans submitted to the Department of Administration

Testimony of State Representative Tyler Vorpapel
Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection
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Thank you Chairman Stroebel and committee members of Government Operations and Consumer Protection for hearing Senate Bill 570 (SB 570). Current law requires that Departments of: Administration, Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Safety and Professional Services, Health Services, Natural Resources, Tourism, Revenue, Transportation, the Board of Regents, Public Service Commission, and the State Historical Society create plans on integrating land information and submit these to the Department of Administration.

We heard from the Department of Administration on this that the different agencies currently fulfill such requirement but they have been unable to combine this information into a product of value for the public or other state agencies. While the Department of Administration has successfully administered the Wisconsin Land Information Plan, they have struggled with this specific requirement in successfully gathering useful information. The Department has asked that we streamline their duties, and allow the DOA resources be devoted to more important tasks relating to land information by eliminating this requirement.

I'd be happy to answer any questions, but I would refer any technical questions to the Department of Administration when they testify. Thank you.



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**Testimony of Department of Administration
Senate Bill 570
Senate Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protections
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Chairman Stroebel and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of Senate Bill 570, which was recommended by the Department of Administration. This legislation removes the requirement for certain state agencies to submit land information plans to the Department of Administration. Currently DATCP, DSPS, DHS, DNR, Tourism, DOR, DOT, UW Board of Regents, PSC and the State Historical Society are required to create land information integration plans and submit them to DOA.

State agencies have met this planning requirement with a variety of plan formats. Some send a narrative plan document as a PDF and others have submitted a spreadsheet detailing an inventory of GIS layers, formats, and access information. DOA has extracted information from these plans to create an inventory of GIS data available.

However, DOA has found this particular planning exercise not to be a meaningful use of state agency staff time. Today's technology allows the relevant reported information to be easily pulled from GIS servers or databases in an automated fashion, making the requirement to create state agency land information integration plans basically obsolete. Removing the statutory requirement would not preclude state agencies from creating land information plans. Moreover, DOA could continue to coordinate with state agencies to serve the public needs for land information without the requirement.

DOA has been successfully administering the Wisconsin Land Information Program, including coordinating with counties to develop the statewide digital parcel map, a land information initiative important for improving the quality of real estate information, economic development, emergency planning and response, and other necessary citizen services. By eliminating this statutory requirement, DOA staff will be able to focus on the digital parcel map, other duties as prescribed by the law, and requests from the state agency representatives of the State Agency Geographic Information Committee.

Overall, this bill creates efficiencies by streamlining duties in DOA and other agencies, as well as allows DOA to be devoted to the most important land information-related tasks. Thank you again for this opportunity to testify in favor of this legislation. I am happy to answer any questions at this time.