

HOUSE BILL NO. 496

INTRODUCED BY NISBET, VINCENT, RANEY, SPAETH, QUILICI,
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IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 30, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION.
JANUARY 31, 1989	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 18, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 20, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 21, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS. ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 22, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 100; NOES, 0. TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 28, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION. FIRST READING.
MARCH 2, 1989	ON MOTION, REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION.
MARCH 8, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 9, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 11, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.

AYES, 40; NOES, 4.

RETURNED TO HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 14, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS NOT
CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 16, 1989

ON MOTION, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 17, 1989

ON MOTION, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 29, 1989

ON MOTION, FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.

MARCH 30, 1989

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTED.

MARCH 31, 1989

SECOND READING, FREE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 31, 1989

ON MOTION, FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 1, 1989

THIRD READING, FREE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 5, 1989

FREE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 14, 1989

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 *House* BILL NO. *496*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Nisbet Vincent Perez*
 3 *Surgeon General O'Connell* *Erin* *Constitutionally* *Cody* *W. Smith*
 4 *Richard E. Manning* *John* *Thrift* *Timberlake*
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 2 cost-effective.

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 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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 24 administration in the two houses, or their designated
 25 representatives;

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB496, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An Act to establish a mechanism for coordinated computer system planning in the Legislative Branch.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

 2/6/89

RAY SHACKLEFORD, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

 2/06/89

JERRY NISBET, PRIMARY SPONSOR

DATE

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APPROVED BY COMM.
ON LEG. ADMIN.

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 7, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Legislative Administration, having had under consideration HB 496 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 496 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

Sponsor: Nisbet (Rasmussen)

1. Page 2, line 22.

Following: "council."

Insert: "(1)"

2. Page 2, line 24.

Strike: "(1)"

Insert: "(a)"

Renumber: subsequent subsections

3. Page 3, lines 5 through 7.

Following: "houses" on line 5

Strike: ", " on line 5 through "CHAIRMAN" on line 7

Insert: "and one other member of each legislative administration committee from the opposite party of the chairman"

4. Page 3, lines 8 and 9.

Following: "council" on line 8

Strike: ", " on line 8 through "council" line 9.

5. Page 3, lines 17 and 18.

Following: "DEPARTMENT" on line 17

Strike: "L" on line 17 through "COUNCIL" on line 18

6. Page 3, line 19.

Following: line 18

Insert: "(2) Only legislators will be voting members. A chairman and vice chairman will be chosen from among the legislators on the committee."

AND AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN

Signed: Tom Rasmussen

Tom Rasmussen, Chairman

SENATE

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Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

We, your Free Conference Committee on HOUSE BILL 496 met and considered: HOUSE BILL 496 and the Senate amendments to HOUSE BILL 496.

We recommend that HOUSE BILL 496 (reference copy -- salmon) be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, line 22.

Strike: "policy"

Insert: "planning"

Strike: "(1)"

2. Page 2, line 23.

Strike: "policy"

Insert: "planning"

3. Page 2, line 24.

Strike: "(A)"

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Renumber: subsequent subsections

Strike: "president"

Insert: "secretary"

4. Page 2, line 25.

Strike: "MEMBER"

Insert: "representative"

Strike: "HIM"

Insert: "the president"

5. Page 3, line 1.

Strike: "speaker"

Insert: "chief clerk"

6. Page 3, line 2.

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7. Page 3, line 3.

Strike: "HIM"

Insert: "the speaker"

8. Page 3, lines 4 and 5.

Strike: "chairmen of the committees on legislative administration"

ADOPT

REJECT

Insert: "sergeants-at-arms"

9. Page 3, lines 7 through 9.

Strike: "AND ONE OTHER" on line 7 through "CHAIRMAN" on line 9

Insert: "or another representative of each house designated by the chairman of the legislative administration committee of that house"

10. Page 3, line 11.

Following: "council"

Insert: ", who shall chair the planning council"

11. Page 3, line 20.

Following: "council"

Insert: ", who shall serve as a nonvoting member of the planning council"

12. Page 3, lines 21 through 23.

Strike: lines 21 through 23 in their entirety

13. Page 3, line 25.

Strike: "policy"

Insert: "planning"

14. Page 4, line 1.

Strike: "policy"

Insert: "planning"

15. Page 4, line 3.

Strike: "policy"

Insert: "planning"

16. Page 5, line 10.

Strike: "policy"

Insert: "planning"

17. Page 5, line 11.

Strike: "policy"

Insert: "planning"

18. Page 5, line 14.

Strike: "policies"

Insert: "standards"

Strike: "policy"

Insert: "planning"

19. Page 5, line 16.

Strike: "policy"

Insert: "planning"

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20. Page 5, line 18.

Strike: "policy"

Insert: "planning"

21. Page 5, line 24.

Following: line 24

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 5. Legislative branch computer system plan -- adoption of standards. The legislative branch computer system plan must be approved and adopted jointly by the legislative administration committees of the senate and the house of representatives."

Renumber: subsequent sections

22. Page 6, line 4.

Strike: "by"

Insert: "in"


23. Page 6, line 5.

Strike: "policy council that are"

Insert: "plan"

We urge that this Conference Committee Report be adopted.

For the House:


Rep. Gerald Nisbet, Chairman


Rep. Richard Nelson


Rep. Bill Strizich

For the Senate:


Sen. Del Gage, Chairman


Sen. Joe Mazurek


Sen. Pete Story

HOUSE BILL NO. 496

INTRODUCED BY NISBET, VINCENT, RANEY, SPAETH, QUILICI,
SWYSGOOD, MANNING, O'CONNELL, DEMARS, GRINDE, THOFT,
CONNELLY, KIMBERLEY, CODY, BACHINI, MARKS, DARKO,
BARDANOUVE, PECK, CAMPBELL, STRIZICH, SCHYE,
BRADLEY, MENAHAN, TVEIT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A
MECHANISM FOR COORDINATED COMPUTER SYSTEM PLANNING IN THE
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
DATE."

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 65, the bill appropriating
funds for the operation of the 51st Legislature and for
startup costs for the 52nd Legislature, contains language
stating that funds appropriated in the bill may be spent for
the expansion or enhancement of computer equipment or
systems only in accordance with a plan developed jointly by
the several Legislative Branch agencies; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate application of computer
technology in the Legislative Branch will enhance the
ability of the Legislature to deliberate state policy
through more timely delivery of higher quality legislative
information, bills, and amendments; and

WHEREAS, there is no mechanism currently available

whereby such a branchwide plan can be developed and
implemented; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a permanent mechanism for
Legislative Branch planning is desirable, both to enhance
service to the members of the Legislature and to promote
effective and efficient systems that are economical and
cost-effective.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Purpose. It is the purpose of
[this act] to establish a mechanism for computer system
planning encompassing broad policy needs, long-term
direction for computer use, and the effective implementation
of a detailed plan for the legislative branch. It is the
purpose of the plan to assure coordination of information
system decisions so that the overall effectiveness of the
senate, the house of representatives, and legislative
agencies may be improved. It is the further purpose of the
plan to enhance the coordination of legislative branch
systems with executive branch systems wherever possible.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Legislative branch computer
system policy PLANNING council. ~~{}~~ There is a legislative
branch computer system policy PLANNING council composed of:
~~{}~~{A}~~(1)~~ the president SECRETARY of the senate or his
ANOTHER MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SENATE designated

representative BY HIM THE PRESIDENT;

{2}{B}(2) the speaker CHIEF CLERK of the house of representatives or his ANOTHER MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOUSE designated representative BY HIM THE SPEAKER;

{3}{C}(3) the chairmen---of---the---committees---on legislative--administration SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS in the two houses,--or--their--ANOTHER--MEMBER--OF--THE--RESPECTIVE--HOUSE designated--representatives--BY--THE--RESPECTIVE--CHAIRMAN AND ONE---OTHER---MEMBER---OF---EACH---LEGISLATIVE---ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE FROM THE OPPOSITE PARTY OF THE CHAIRMAN OR ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH HOUSE DESIGNATED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THAT HOUSE;

{4}{D}(4) the executive director of the legislative council, who shall chair the policy council, WHO SHALL CHAIR THE PLANNING COUNCIL;

{5}{E}(5) the legislative auditor;

{6}{F}(6) the legislative fiscal analyst;

{7}{G}(7) the executive director of the environmental quality council; and

{8}{H}(8) the consumer counsel; AND

{9}{I}(9) A PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO REPRESENT THE DATA PROCESSING POLICY AND PLANNING FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, WHO SHALL SERVE AS A NONVOTING MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, WHO SHALL SERVE AS A NONVOTING MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COUNCIL.

~~{2}--ONLY-LEGISLATORS-ARE-VOTING--MEMBERS--A--CHAIRMAN AND--VICE-CHAIRMAN-MUST-BE-CHOSEN-FROM-AMONG-THE-LEGISLATORS ON-THE-COMMITTEE-~~

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Duties of legislative branch computer system policy PLANNING council. (1) The legislative branch computer system policy PLANNING council shall develop and maintain a legislative branch computer system plan. In developing and maintaining this plan, the policy PLANNING council shall:

(a) continuously review OR HAVE REVIEWED existing information systems that are candidates for automation or enhancement, as well as review existing automated systems that may be improved or integrated with new applications;

(b) develop and maintain a description of functions or services in the legislative branch and its agencies that would, through application or improvement of computer technology, provide better service to members of the legislature, LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES, and the public;

(c) develop and maintain a ranking of needs, taking into consideration the relative effectiveness and probable cost of alternative systems; and

(d) develop and maintain recommended system standards for the legislative branch and standard or custom software and hardware solutions appropriate to the needs and environment of the legislative branch and its agencies.

(2) To the extent possible:

(a) future applications should be explicitly identified in the plan;

(b) ~~immediate~~ CURRENT applications should allow a high degree of flexibility so that future applications are not limited; and

(c) both current and future applications should be coordinated and compatible with the standards and goals of the executive branch ESTABLISHED UNDER 2-17-501 THROUGH 2-17-503, as well as the legislative branch standards developed in accordance with the requirement in subsection (1)(d).

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Technical support. The executive director of the legislative council shall provide technical staff support to the legislative branch computer system ~~policy~~ PLANNING council. In performing this duty, the legislative council staff shall assist the ~~policy~~ PLANNING council by developing OR HAVING DEVELOPED analyses of existing and alternate systems; providing technical solutions and advice related to the ~~policies~~ STANDARDS set by the ~~policy~~ PLANNING council; assisting in assessing benefits and costs of optional solutions; apprising the ~~policy~~ PLANNING council of developments and directions in the industry; maintaining a liaison with and informing the ~~policy~~ PLANNING council of plans and directions within the

executive branch; assisting in the selection and purchasing of supplies and equipment; and providing other assistance as may be requested. The executive director shall encourage participation of appropriate personnel of the senate, the house of representatives, and other legislative agencies in the provision of technical support.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH COMPUTER SYSTEM PLAN -- ADOPTION OF STANDARDS. THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH COMPUTER SYSTEM PLAN MUST BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED JOINTLY BY THE LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NEW SECTION. Section 6. Legislative branch systems -- conformity to standards. Computer hardware and software systems installed by the senate, the house of representatives, and legislative branch agencies must conform to standards established by IN the legislative branch computer system ~~policy--council--that--are~~ PLAN in effect at the time the purchasing decision is made.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

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