
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 426

AN ACT CONCERNING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS DATA SHARING.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires electric companies to provide certain utility pole data to any municipality, regional planning agency, regional council of elected officials, or regional council of governments upon the request of a geographic or geospatial information systems (GIS) analyst or coordinator, or other equivalent official of such entities.

Under the bill, electric companies must share GIS data for poles they own or jointly own that are located in the municipality or the area served by the regional organization. The data include pole ownership, ID number, XY coordinate location, height, classification, and wattage size of street lights or post lights. The bill also allows the companies to provide the location of medical hardship accounts to a municipality if it requests this information for public safety reasons during an emergency.

Before receiving the data, the municipality or regional organization must demonstrate to the electric company that it has appropriate procedures to keep the data confidential. The municipality or regional organization must use the data internally only and cannot publicly disclose the data without the company's consent. The bill exempts from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act any data shared under the bill.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/29/2012)