

## S 740

Geospatial Data Act of 2015

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Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		May 11, 2015
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 11, 2015
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 1, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Sep 21, 2015
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 24, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 15, 2015
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 1, 2016

### Committee Activity

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114 HR 6294	Related bill	<b>Sep 30, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.

## **Geospatial Data Act of 2015**

Establishes in the executive branch: (1) the Federal Geographic Data Committee, which shall be the lead entity for the development, implementation, and review of policies, practices, and standards relating to geospatial data; and (2) the National Geospatial Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the committee.

Requires the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (as defined in this Act) to ensure that geospatial data from multiple sources is available and easily integrated to enhance the understanding of the physical and cultural world. Requires the committee to prepare a strategic plan for the implementation of the infrastructure consistent with national security, national defense, national intelligence, and emergency preparedness program policies regarding data accessibility.

Requires the committee to operate GeoPlatform, an electronic service that provides access to geospatial data and metadata for geospatial data.

Directs agencies whose functions involve geospatial data to implement a strategy for advancing geographic information and related geospatial data activities appropriate to that agency's mission in support of the strategic plan for the infrastructure. Requires such agencies to disclose each contract, cooperative agreement, grant, or other transaction that deals with geospatial data.

Prohibits, four years after enactment of this Act, federal funding from being made available for the collection, production, acquisition, maintenance, or dissemination of geospatial data that does not comply with applicable standards established by the committee.

## **Actions Timeline**

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