

# DATA

## Liability or Asset

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## What is Data?

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“Data is a valuable national resource and a strategic asset to the U.S. Government, its partners, and the public.”

- Federal Open Data Policy



# Background – How did we get here?

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- SB 701 (82R) (2011) Open Data – Required state agencies to post high-value data sets on a generally accessible agency website. *High-value data sets include, but are not limited to, data that is critical to the financial and programmatic function of state agencies.*
- SB 279 (83R) (2013) Open Data – Required state agencies to send DIR a description and link to their high value data sets.
- HB 1912 (84R) (2015) Statewide Data Coordinator – Created position to collaboratively develop data policies, standards, and best practices and to improve data governance and integrity statewide.
- SB 1844 (84R) (2015) Data Study – Created the Interagency Data Transparency Commission to study, report and make recommendations.
- SB 79 (85R) (2017) Public Information - State agencies can respond to a Public Information Request by pointing the requestor to a website.
- HB1 (85R) (2017) Job Classifications – Established job classifications for Data Officer, Data Architect and Data Analyst.



# Kinds of Open Data

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- Infrastructural Data
  - Data held about the state of the world - for example, describing the land, transport networks, structures of government, weather measurements, etc.
  - There are very few privacy concerns about this data



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- Public service data
  - Data about the activities of government - ranging from the locations of public services and their budgets through to public registers, and detailed performance statistics on schools, hospitals and other facilities.
  - Privacy can be in a grey area - as they are often built up from the aggregation of records about individual users of public services.



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- Personal data
  - Data about individuals
  - Usually things that an individual would have a legitimate right to manage access to - such as information on their finances or their health.



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