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Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC)

Status Report: Implementation of State Auditor I-900 Recommendations to the Legislature

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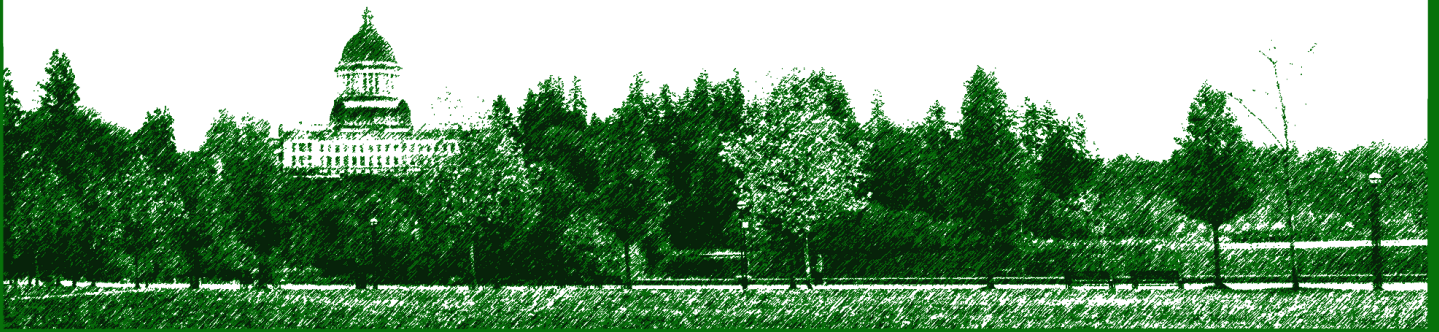


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Initiative 900 Requires JLARC Report

In November 2005, the people of the State of Washington approved Initiative 900. The initiative directs the State Auditor’s Office (SAO) to conduct performance audits of state and local government agencies.

The initiative also includes the following direction with regard to performance audits of state government: “An annual report will be submitted by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee by July 1st of each year detailing the status of the legislative implementation of the State Auditor’s recommendations.” This report represents JLARC’s compliance with this requirement for 2015.

Three 2014 I-900 Audits with Recommendations to the Legislature

This is the ninth annual report that JLARC staff have released on the status of recommendations to the Legislature made by the State Auditor’s performance audits. During Calendar Year 2014, the State Auditor released 10 new performance audit reports: two with specific recommendations to the Legislature, one with specific recommendations to the State Senate, and seven that did not include recommendations to the Legislature. JLARC held public hearings on all of the State Auditor’s performance audits and reviews issued during that time period. Many of the recommendations in the SAO performance audits are directed to state or local government agencies rather than to the Legislature. This report does not provide information on implementation of those recommendations. For local governments, Initiative 900 directs that “an annual report will be submitted by the legislative body by July 1st of each year detailing the status of the legislative implementation of the State Auditor’s recommendations.”

This JLARC staff report provides information on the implementation status of eight specific recommendations to the Legislature included in the 2014 performance audits. In addition, JLARC staff track previous years’ recommendations for four years. For example, for an SAO recommendation to the Legislature issued in Calendar Year 2011, JLARC staff reviewed legislative activity in the 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 legislative sessions. This report includes updated information on the status of 10 unresolved recommendations to the Legislature in performance audits issued by the SAO between Calendar Years 2011 and 2013.

Implementation Status of the SAO Recommendations to the Legislature

Exhibit 1 summarizes implementation of the recommendations to the Legislature in the SAO’s performance audits issued in Calendar Years 2011 through 2014.

Exhibit 1 – Implementation of SAO I-900 Recommendations to the Legislature:
Status Following the 2015 First Special Legislative Session

Current Implementation Status	Recommendations		
	2014	2011-13	Total
Implemented:			
Adopted as Presented	2	3	5
Addressed with Different Approach	-	5	5
Legislature Made Different Policy Choice	-	1	1
Bills Introduced on Topic But Not Adopted	-	2	2
Other Circumstances	-	-	-
Related or No Information	6	8	14
Total	8	19	27

The table uses the following reporting categories:

- **Implemented – Adopted As Presented** – Legislative action implementing an SAO recommendation in the manner that it was presented in the audit;
- **Implemented – Addressed with Different Approach** – Legislative action where the Legislature addressed the issue raised in the recommendation, but via a different approach;
- **Legislature Made Different Policy Choice** – Legislative action where the Legislature was aware of the recommendation and made a different policy choice than what the SAO recommended;
- **Bills Introduced on Topic But Not Adopted** – Situation where individual legislators introduced bills on the topic covered in the recommendation, but the Legislature did not adopt the recommendation;
- **Other Circumstances** – This category denotes recommendations where other relevant circumstances apply; and
- **Related or No Information** – Related information is provided when available.

Detail on Specific SAO Recommendations to the Legislature

What follows are details on the eight specific recommendations to the Legislature from the three SAO performance audits issued in Calendar Year 2014. The details also include an update on the status of 10 unresolved recommendations to the Legislature in SAO performance audits issued between Calendar Years 2011 and 2013. For each of these performance audits, this JLARC staff report provides:

- A brief summary of the subject of the performance audit;
- The text of each recommendation to the Legislature;
- The current implementation status for each recommendation;
- Identification of related legislation; and
- Where appropriate, a comment section to provide additional explanation/context about the Legislature’s actions or the categorization of implementation status.

Each section ends with reporting on any additional legislative activity since last year’s report such as public hearings, work sessions, and related budget activity. The audit reports are grouped by year and listed in the order in which the State Auditor released them.

Initiative 900 also states that “justification must be provided for recommendations not implemented.” Since no individual or entity can singularly speak to the reason for legislative action or inaction, JLARC’s auditors could not identify sufficient and appropriate evidence to make definitive conclusions about why recommendations have not been implemented to date. However, the information provided in the comment sections does, in some cases, provide a context for the Legislature’s actions.

Newly Issued 2014 Recommendations

Safe Data Disposal : Protecting Confidential Information

Released April 10, 2014

About the Audit

This audit assessed how well state organizations comply with statutes and employ best practices as identified in the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) Security Standard 141.10. The OCIO is responsible for the state's IT security standards. The audit also identified opportunities to improve computer disposal operations and minimize the risk of confidential data being released. The audit was designed to determine if state organizations remove confidential data stored in their data processing equipment before releasing the equipment for surplus or destruction, and if their data processing disposal policies, procedures, and actual processes comply with state requirements and employ best practices.

The audit found that not all state organizations removed confidential data stored in their computers before releasing them for surplus or destruction. The audit included two recommendations to the State Senate.

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The following organizations should establish documented procedures to ensure safe and secure disposal of sensitive and confidential information. The procedures should align with the OCIO Security Standards for computer handling and hard drive disposal:

- State Senate.

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
- Addressed with different approach
- Made different policy choice
- Bills introduced on topic but not adopted
- Other circumstances
- Related or no information

2015 Related Legislation

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No Related Legislation

Comments

In July 2014, the Washington State Senate adopted the Legislative Service Center's policy for accounting for surplus assets, which establishes a consistent procedure for the disposal of agency-controlled assets. In addition, the State Senate adopted "Instructions for Wiping a Hard Drive Prior to Surplus," which outlines procedures for wiping both Windows and Mac computers. The procedures include restarting the computer to confirm that the operating system will not load and recording the process by attaching a yellow "Wiped" sticker to the front of the wiped computer prior to setting aside for surplus.

Safe Data Disposal : Protecting Confidential Information

Released April 10, 2014

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

As a best practice, the following organizations should include in their procedures a step to verify and record that confidential data is appropriately removed from computer hard drives before releasing to surplus:

- State Senate.

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Additional Legislative Action

JLARC held an I-900 hearing on April 23, 2014.

Performance Measures in Economic Development Programs: Opportunity to enhance transparency and improve processes

Released October 2, 2014

About the Audit

The audit assessed the Associate Development Organization (ADO) program, which provides economic development services tailored to meet local needs. Through this program, the Department of Commerce manages \$3 million in annual grant support to 34 county-designated ADOs. The main questions the audit sought to answer was whether it is technically feasible to isolate the ADOs' impact on economic outcomes and whether the performance measurement practices used by Commerce to manage ADO contacts is aligned with statutory intent and leading practices. The audit found that the Legislature should establish clear goals for the ADO program and that the ADOs develop a more robust performance measurement system. The audit included two recommendations to the Legislature.

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature establish clear goals for the program in consultation with Commerce and ADOs.

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
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No Related Legislation

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature reform reporting requirements for both Commerce and the ADO program.

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No Related Legislation

Additional Legislative Action

JLARC held an I-900 hearing on October 15, 2014.

Debt-Off set Programs: A tool to help Washington collect delinquent debt

Released December 4, 2014

About the Audit

This audit examined whether implementing a state debt-off set program and participating in the U.S. Treasury's State Reciprocal Program can help Washington collect delinquent business debt. The audit also identified leading practices other states recommend for developing and implementing effective debt-off set programs, and the changes Washington needs to make to put the programs into action.

The audit included four recommendations to the Legislature.

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature should authorize state agencies to require federal taxpayer identification numbers (TINs) and share payment and debt data for the purposes of conducting state and federal debt off sets, allowing individual agencies to immediately enhance existing collection efforts.

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
- Addressed with different approach
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No Related Legislation

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature should authorize state agencies to participate in the U.S. Treasury's State Reciprocal Program.

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Debt-Off set Programs: A tool to help Washington collect delinquent debt

Released December 4, 2014

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature should establish a workgroup with a directive to develop a proposal for the design and implementation of a state and the federal reciprocal debt-off set programs. To efficiently and effectively implement and administer the programs, the workgroup should:

- Design the programs using the leading practices recommended by other states and the U.S. Treasury's State Reciprocal Program requirements;
- Identify ways for agencies to obtain accurate federal TINs;
- Identify necessary process changes and system upgrades;
- Estimate necessary resources;
- Identify statutory changes; and
- Report its progress to the Legislature and the Governor's Office by June 30, 2016.

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
- Addressed with different approach
- Made different policy choice
- Bills introduced on topic but not adopted
- Other circumstances
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No Related Legislation

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

Taking into account the workgroup's June 2016 report, the Legislature should authorize a single comprehensive statute to offset debts owed by businesses with payments to those businesses.

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
- Addressed with different approach
- Made different policy choice
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No Related Legislation

Additional Legislative Action

JLARC held an I-900 hearing on December 10, 2014.

Previously Unresolved 2013 Recommendations

Washington State Ferries: Vessel Construction Costs

Released January 3, 2013

About the Audit

This audit assessed three questions: (1) how the construction costs of ferries built by Washington State Ferries (WSF) compare with comparable ferries built elsewhere, (2) what factors affect the cost of constructing ferries and to what extent those factors affect total construction spending, and (3) does WSF use leading practices to develop, manage, and monitor its ferry construction contracts. The audit found that it costs more to construct a ferry when WSF is the purchaser compared to other ferry purchasers, and that certain regulatory requirements such as the Build-in-Washington laws and the Apprenticeship Act contribute to these higher costs. The audit included two recommendations to the Legislature.

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature should address the regulatory barriers currently in place that limit competition on WSF vessel procurements by:

- Allowing WSF to use alternative strategies to encourage competition for its ferry procurements when insufficient interest exists or higher-than-expected bids are received from Washington shipyards. One possible strategy to ensure an adequate level of competition could be to allow WSF to invite out-of-state shipyards to bid on new vessel construction contracts in these situations.

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
- Addressed with different approach
- Made different policy choice
- Bills introduced on topic but not adopted
- Other circumstances
- Related or no information

2013 Related Legislation

Bill #	Bill Introduced	Out of Fiscal Committee	Out of House of Origin	Passed Legislature	Signed by Governor
HB 1990	✓				
SB 5858	✓				

2014 Related Legislation

Bill #	Bill Introduced	Out of Fiscal Committee	Out of House of Origin	Passed Legislature	Signed by Governor
ESHB 2759	✓	✓	✓		
ESSB 6001	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

2015 Related Legislation

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HB 2240	✓				
ESSB 5992	✓	✓	✓		

Comments

- ESSB 5992 would have required the Washington State Department of Transportation to use design-build procurement in acquiring new ferry vessels; required the Washington State Ferries (WSF) to employ an independent representative, in certain circumstances, to serve the WSF's interests during the procurement process; required contracts to be fixed-price and allow for a contingency to accommodate change orders; and altered a requirement that ferry vessels be constructed within the State of Washington, allowing out-of-state construction in certain circumstances.
- HB 2240 would have required the Washington State Department of Transportation to issue a new request for proposals that excludes certain requirements relating to the location of the ferry construction if it did not receive at least three qualified bids.

Washington State Ferries: Vessel Construction Costs

Released January 3, 2013

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature should address the regulatory barriers currently in place that limit competition on WSF vessel procurements by:

- Undertaking a study of the Apprenticeship Act to identify and resolve potential barriers for prospective applicants, in particular shipyards with established apprenticeship training programs.

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
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- Made different policy choice
- Bills introduced on topic but not adopted
- Other circumstances
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2013 Related Legislation

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SB 5858	✓				

2014 Related Legislation

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SB 6186	✓	✓			

2015 Related Legislation

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No Related Legislation					

Enhancing Background Checks in Washington

Released May 7, 2013

About the Audit

The audit assessed whether automatic notification of new criminal events, commonly referred to as a rap back service, could enhance Washington's current background check process, and if so, what are potential barriers to its implementation. The audit found that Washington's background check process is falling behind other states because it does not provide an automatic notification if a person commits a criminal offense after passing a background check. This audit included two recommendations to the Legislature.

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature should revise state law to expressly allow the Washington State Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation to retain civil fingerprints.

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
- Addressed with different approach
- Made different policy choice
- Bills introduced on topic but not adopted
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HB 2080	✓				
SB 5720	✓				

Comments

HB 2080 and SB 5720 would have authorized the Washington State Patrol (WSP) and the Department of Health (DOH) to participate in the new Rap Back service offered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; authorized the WSP to retain fingerprints submitted by a statutorily authorized agency for noncriminal justice purposes; required applicants to be notified that their fingerprints will be searched against arrests and unsolved crime files and that their criminal history will be periodically checked and reported back to the statutorily authorized agencies; and authorized disciplining authorities under the DOH to adopt rules authorizing fingerprint checks for applicants and licensees in the professions it regulates.

Enhancing Background Checks in Washington

Released May 7, 2013

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature should authorize and appropriate funding for the Washington State Patrol to implement a state and federal rap back service as part of background check processes.

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
- Addressed with different approach
- Made different policy choice
- Bills introduced on topic but not adopted
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No Related Legislation

Previously Unresolved 2011 Recommendations

Department of Labor & Industries Prescription Drugs

Released May 4, 2011

About the Audit

This audit focused on the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) prescription drug purchases for injured workers as part of the workers' compensation program. The main question the audit sought to answer was whether the workers' compensation program pays a reasonable and appropriate amount for prescription drugs. The audit found that L&I has attained a relatively high generic drug use rate, has limited the amount of drugs dispensed to injured workers, and is using many leading practices to contain drug costs. It also found that L&I has missed significant savings opportunities by not regularly updating its drug pricing schedule. The audit included one recommendation to the Legislature to further reduce drug costs.

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

We recommend the Legislature revise state law (RCW 69.41.190) to permit physicians to prescribe brand-name drugs only when generic therapeutic equivalents are not available. To accomplish this, lawmakers should modify the carve-out provision so it no longer exempts certain drug classes from the generic requirement, and should modify the "dispense-as-written" provision so it no longer prohibits pharmacists from substituting less expensive, therapeutically equivalent generics. If the law were changed, physicians who thought a brand-name drug was needed still could obtain prior approval from L&I to prescribe that drug. This recommendation would not result in therapeutic interchange (requiring physicians to prescribe drugs with different active ingredients).

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
- Addressed with different approach
- Made different policy choice
- Bills introduced on topic but not adopted
- Other circumstances
- Related or no information

Department of Labor & Industries Prescription Drugs

Released May 4, 2011

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2013 Related Legislation

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HB 1528	✓				
SB 5469	✓				

2014 Related Legislation

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HB 1528	✓				
HB 2326	✓				
SB 5469	✓				
SB 6091	✓				

2015 Related Legislation

Bill #	Bill Introduced	Out of Fiscal Committee	Out of House of Origin	Passed Legislature	Signed by Governor
HB 1675	✓				
HB 1679	✓				
ESB 5935	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Comments

- ESB 5935 requires pharmacists to substitute biological products in the same manner as generic drugs. Biological products are in a different regulatory structure than generic drugs and substitution is allowed at the Federal level but State law governs the substitution of drugs by pharmacists. ESB 5935 requires the pharmacist to notify the prescriber when a substitution occurs until 2020. Although this will change prescribing practices, ESB 5935 does not address the classes of drugs mentioned in the State Auditor's Office recommendation or amend the "dispense-as-written" provision.
- HB 1675 and HB 1679 would have made similar changes as ESB 5935 except these bills did not require pharmacists to notify prescribers of a substitution.

Crime Victims Programs, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor & Industries, Department of Social and Health Services

Released June 13, 2011

About the Audit

This audit reviewed the Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) program at the departments of Commerce, Labor & Industries (L&I), and Social and Health Services (DSHS). The audit found that the CVC program should be financially stable through the 2011-13 Biennium. The audit noted, however, a projected federal funding reduction in 2014 could increase future state funding requirements. The audit identified opportunities for the state to further reduce program expenses and improve efficiency by capping certain benefits and simplifying L&I's benefit payment process. The audit also found significant overlap among the crime victims and domestic violence grant programs at Commerce and DSHS and determined that consolidating these programs at DSHS could improve efficiencies, reduce operating costs, and streamline services. The audit determined that it would be cost-prohibitive to merge the CVC program at L&I with the grant programs. This audit included five recommendations to the Legislature.

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature should extend or make permanent the 2010 crime victims benefit reductions. Preserving current benefits will prevent the need for the state to increase spending by \$3.6 million annually after July 2015. This action will be key to maintaining a financially stable program after the 2013-15 Biennium. Washington's current maximum benefit of \$50,000 is the ninth highest among the 50 states. The legislature should refine the new law so that all statutory references to benefit levels are consistent.

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
- Addressed with different approach
- Made different policy choice
- Bills introduced on topic but not adopted
- Other circumstances
- Related or no information

2012 Related Legislation

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SSB 6389	✓	✓			

2013 Related Legislation

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No Related Legislation					

2014 Related Legislation

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Crime Victims Programs, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor & Industries, Department of Social and Health Services

Released June 13, 2011

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature should authorize L&I's director to reduce CVC benefit levels when funding levels fall short. Officials in three states said this authority was vital to effectively managing their programs. This would also maximize the number of crime victims who receive benefits.

Implementation Status :

- Adopted as presented
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No Related Legislation

Crime Victims Programs, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor & Industries, Department of Social and Health Services

Released June 13, 2011

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature should cap the amount paid for sexual assault exams. Six of the eight states we reviewed set limits ranging from \$400 to \$800 per exam. Capping reimbursement amounts at \$800 could save Washington's program about \$167,000 per year.

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No Related Legislation

Crime Victims Programs, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor & Industries, Department of Social and Health Services

Released June 13, 2011

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

The Legislature should amend the law to require local police departments, upon request, to submit crime reports to the CVC program within a specified time. Based on requirements in other states, we recommend a period between 10 or 14 days. This change could cut CVC administrative costs by about \$49,000 annually and reduce the amount of time eligible victims must wait to receive benefits.

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Crime Victims Programs, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor & Industries, Department of Social and Health Services

Released June 13, 2011

SAO Recommendation to the Legislature

We recommend the Legislature consolidate the three grant programs we reviewed at Commerce and DSHS for victims of crime and domestic violence into a single program within DSHS. This merger would reduce program duplication and costs, better align program goals and agency missions, and unify budgeting and planning to maximize efficiency. It also could improve service delivery to providers by reducing the administrative burden of dealing with separate grant monitors and multiple sets of requirements.

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2012 Related Legislation

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HB 2573	✓				

2013 Related Legislation

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2014 Related Legislation

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