

Fast facts about the State Auditor's Office

History

The Office of State Auditor was established in Washington's state Constitution in 1889, with a mission to act as "... the auditor of public accounts..."

Although formally part of the Executive Branch of state government, the State Auditor is elected every four years, allowing him or her to remain independent of all branches of government that require auditing.

Troy Kelley was elected in 2012 as the 10th State Auditor.

Executive leadership team and key contacts

Jan M. Jutte – Deputy State Auditor – (360) 902-0360

Diane Perry – Director of Operations – (360) 725-5348

Barb Hinton – Deputy Director for Quality Assurance – (360) 902-0375

Cindy Evans – Manager of Legal Affairs – (360) 725-5585

Kelly Collins – Director of Local Audit – (360) 902-0091

Sadie Armijo – Deputy Director of Local Audit – (360) 902-0362

Mark Rapozo – Deputy Director of Local Audit – (360) 902-0471

Chuck Pfeil – Director of State and Performance Audit – (360) 902-0366

Lou Adams – Deputy Director of Performance Audit – (360) 725-5577

Tom Furgeson – Deputy Director of Performance Audit – (360) 725-5629

Troy Niemeyer – Deputy Director of State Audit – (360) 725-5363

Sheri Sawyer – Deputy Director, Local Government Services – (360) 902-0364

Employees

At the beginning of 2016, the Office employed about 400 people.

The agency is organized by teams, usually identified by where they work or their primary job functions, such as Team Wenatchee or Team Audit Support.

The agency's 14 offices cover responsibilities across the state, from Pullman and Spokane in the east, to Walla Walla and Tri-Cities in the south, and Vancouver and Bellingham anchoring the western corridor.

Eighty-five percent of staff are auditors, conducting financial, accountability and performance audits, as well as special investigations. The remaining 15 percent provide support in IT, communications, and other administrative roles.

About 30 percent of all staff are Certified Public Accountants or hold other certifications and advanced degrees.



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Past State Auditors

*Thomas Milburne Reed :
1889-1893*

Leban R. Grimes : 1893-1895

*J. E. Frost (appointed to
complete Grimes's term) :
1895-1897*

Neal Cheetham : 1897-1901

*John D. Atkinson : 1901-
1905*

Charles Clausen : 1905-1933

Cliff Yelle : 1933-1965

*Robert V. Graham : 1965-
1993*

Brian Sonntag : 1993-2013

We have 14 office locations throughout the state. Our Performance Audit division is located in Olympia.



What the Office audits

Our audits look at financial information and compliance with state, federal and local laws on the part of all local governments, including schools, and all state agencies, including institutions of higher education.

We perform special investigations of fraud and whistleblower cases, and referrals from our Citizen Hotline, and conduct performance audits of state agencies and local governments.

We take our role as partners in accountability seriously. We provide training and technical assistance to government organizations and have an extensive program to coordinate audit efficiency and to ensure high-quality audits.

Our mission

The State Auditor's Office holds state and local governments accountable for the use of public resources.

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