

Cabinet Agencies' Performance Audit Action Item(s) & Status

Enhancing Background Checks in Washington

(See also [cabinet agency response](#) for full context to Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO) [report](#), May 2013)

Agencies included in the performance audit: Department of Social and Health Services and Washington State Patrol (WSP).

SAO Issues Summary:

1. Washington is not keeping pace with background check improvements. A rap back service would improve public safety and enhance Washington's background check processes. **Note** - the SAO had two recommendations to the Legislature and one to the WSP contingent upon the Legislature:
 - **Legislature** -Revise state law to expressly allow the Washington State Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation to retain civil fingerprints.
 - **Legislature** -Authorize and appropriate funding for the Washington State Patrol to implement a state and federal rap back service as part of background check processes.
 - **WSP** -Implement a state and federal rap back service as part of background check processes.

The table below shows the current status of action items the agency initiated to address issues identified in the performance audit report. Please see the [cabinet agency response](#) for additional context and any additional steps already taken.

For an explanation of the columns below, [see the legend](#).

Issue	Status	Action Steps	Lead Agency	Due Date	Current Resources?	Budget Impact?	Legislation Required?	Notes
1	n/a	None applicable	WSP	n/a	No	Yes	Yes	7/2014: WSP recommendation has not been implemented because there has been no legislative action to implement the recommended changes.