

Cabinet and Governor Appointed Agencies’ Performance Audit Action Item(s) & Status

Continuing Opportunities to Improve State IT Security – 2020

(See also [cabinet agency response](#) for full context to Washington State Auditor’s Office (SAO) [report](#), December 2020)

Five state agencies were included for this performance audit.

SAO Recommendations (Rec) to the five audited state agencies:

1. Further align agency IT security programs with leading practices recommended in the Center for Internet Security “CIS” Controls.
2. Identify and continue to periodically assess the agency’s IT security needs and resources, including personnel and technology, to mature and maintain sufficient security.
3. Continue remediating vulnerabilities identified during the security testing, starting with those that most significantly affect them.

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/Rec	Status	Action Steps	Lead Agency	Due Date	Current Resources?	Budget Impact?	Legislation Required?	Notes
Rec. 1-3	Complete	Each audited entity will work with the appropriate governing bodies to address vulnerabilities, improvements and considerations suggested by the SAO during calendar year 2021.	1-5	12/2021	Yes	TBD	No	