

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

### Continuing Opportunities to Improve State IT Security – 2021

(See also [cabinet agency response](#) for full context to Washington State Auditor’s Office (SAO) [report](#), December 2021)

Six state agencies were included for this performance audit and testing for three agencies that was delayed from the 2020 performance audit.

SAO Recommendations to the six state agencies:

1. Continue remediating vulnerabilities identified during the security testing, starting with those that most significantly affect them.
2. Continue to identify and periodically assess the agency’s IT security needs and resources, including personnel and technology, to mature and maintain sufficient security.
3. In addition, we recommend the five agencies whose IT security practices we reviewed further align their IT security programs with leading practices recommended in the CIS controls.

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	Completed	Each audited entity will work with their appropriate governing bodies to address and prioritize vulnerabilities, improvements and considerations suggested by the SAO during calendar year 2022.	1-6	12/2022	Yes	TBD	No	