

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

### Continuing Opportunities to Improve State IT Security – 2017

*(See also [cabinet agency response](#) for full context to Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO) [report](#), March, 2018)*

Three state agencies were included for this performance audit.

**SAO Findings Summary:**

1. Opportunities exist to strengthen IT security.

**SAO Recommendations (Rec):**

- 1-3 The audited agencies should continue remediating issues identified during security assessment testing and gaps identified between agency practices or documented policies and procedures and the state's IT security standards and industry leading practices. They should continue to assess agency's IT security needs and resources periodically, including personnel and technology, to mature and maintain sufficient security.
4. To the state's Office of Cyber Security (OCS): Continue to conduct outreach to state agencies to determine how additional clarity or guidance could help agencies identify detailed controls to incorporate into their policies and procedures, and help them align agency practices with the state IT security standards
5. To the state's Office of Cyber Security: Continue to develop and provide that additional clarity or guidance to state agencies.

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 agency will establish a plan to address gaps and improvements identified.	N/A	5/31/2018				
Rec. 4-5	Completed	OCS will send monthly training notifications to a broader audience		5/31/2018				WaTech OCS has expanded its monthly training notifications to a broader audience and has now included a Skype option to allow agencies to attend remotely. OCS continues to conduct outreach to agencies to provide additional guidance and clarity to help them identify and incorporate detailed controls into their policies and procedures to align with state IT security standards.