



Cornerstones of Government Accountability

Bureau of Finance and Management and Department of Legislative Audit

Overview

The State Board of Internal Control was created in 2016 with the goal of establishing and maintaining guidelines for an effective system of accountability to be implemented by state agencies, a code of conduct for use by state agencies, and a conflict of interest policy for use by state agencies.

In order to strengthen the fiscal fortitude of the state, the Governor is recommending additional safeguards to reinforce our internal controls and take care of taxpayer dollars. The Governor has announced a multi-faceted approach to fiscal fortitude:

- Additional annual state employee trainings as outlined in Executive Order 2024-07;
- Enhancements to policies, procedures, systems, and technology (including the BISON state accounting system and 605 Drive motor vehicle system) to enhance internal controls of taxpayer dollars;
- Increasing resources to assist with the mission of the State Board of Internal Control; and
- A legislative package for the 2025 legislative session, including clearer and stronger accountability measures.

Agency Impacts

In total, the Governor is recommending an additional 5.0 FTE, \$319,452 in general funds, and \$555,975 in other fund expenditure authority for the Bureau of Finance and Management and the Department of Legislative Audit.

Additional staff within the Bureau of Finance and Management will focus on identifying and eliminating security risks in the project design, monitoring for unusual access to sensitive data, and detecting violations on critical transactions. This will help complete the framework for governance, risk, and compliance for state agencies. The Governor has already taken action and hired one additional Internal Control Officer.

For the Department of Legislative Audit, additional funding will be used for the purposes of improving the accountability of state and local governments' financial management and reporting.