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HOLDING STATE AGENCIES ACCOUNTABLE

DENVER—The Colorado Office of the State Auditor (OSA) has released its annual report on the implementation status of the 2,668 audit recommendations that it made to state agencies over the 5-year period, July 2010 to June 2015, and has found that 116 of them, about 4 percent, have still to be acted upon.

The annual report is issued by the OSA each year as a tool to help policy makers and the public hold state agencies accountable for the commitments they have made to address problems found through audits. “The fact that agencies agree to over 99 percent of our recommendations shows their willingness to improve state government,” Deputy State Auditor Matt Devlin said.

This year, 50 of the 116 recommendations that are still outstanding are considered a high priority due to their seriousness or because they have still not been implemented after 3 years or more. This is up from 41 high priority recommendations last year. 16 of those 50 have been outstanding for more than 4 years.

The two agencies with the highest number of total recommendations of any priority still to be acted upon are the Governor’s Office of Information Technology and the Department of Personnel & Administration.

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Under the direction of the state auditor, the OSA is the state's nonpartisan, independent external auditor with broad authority to audit state agencies, departments, institutions of higher education, and the Judicial and Legislative Branches. The OSA's professional staff serve the people of Colorado by addressing relevant public issues through high-quality, objective audits and reviews that promote accountability and positive change in government. Performance audits address whether programs operate in compliance with laws and regulations and in a manner that accomplishes intended program goals. Financial audits include annual audits of the state's basic financial statements and federal grants on a statewide level. IT audits review procedures and technology to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the state's critical computer systems and taxpayer data. The OSA also tracks about 4,000 Colorado local governments for compliance with the Local Government Audit Law.