

# Report Highlights



## Cash Funds Uncommitted Reserves Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

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### Key Concern

Nine departments did not comply with uncommitted cash fund reserves statutory requirements.

### Key Findings

- We determined that nine departments had funds with excess uncommitted reserves as of June 30, 2022. The departments that we identified as having cash funds with excess uncommitted reserves as of June 30, 2022, are:
  - Department of Agriculture
  - Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
  - Department of Law
  - Department of Local Affairs
  - Department of Personnel & Administration
  - Department of Public Health and Environment
  - Department of Public Safety
  - Department of Regulatory Agencies
  - Department of Revenue
- Within those nine departments, 18 total cash funds had excess uncommitted reserves totaling approximately \$16.4 million
  - The total number of departments with excess uncommitted reserves increased by four from the prior year.
  - The total number of funds with excess uncommitted reserves decreased by one from the prior year.
  - Total excess uncommitted reserves increased by approximately \$1.4 million from the prior year.
- The Department of Personnel and Administration had a cash fund with excess uncommitted reserves for 3 consecutive years; as a result, the OSC will be required to restrict its spending authority in accordance with Section 24-75-402(12), C.R.S., beginning in Fiscal Year 2023.
- The Department of Public Health and Environment and the Department of Regulatory Agencies have had cash funds with excess uncommitted reserves for 4 consecutive years; as a result, the OSC began restricting both departments' spending authority in Fiscal Year 2022 in accordance with Section 24-75-402(12), C.R.S. and will continue to restrict its spending authority in Fiscal Year 2023.

### Background

- Section 24-75-402, C.R.S., limits the amount that departments can keep in certain cash funds at the end of a fiscal year.
- A cash fund has an excess uncommitted reserve when the year-end balance is greater than statutory reserve limits.
- The Office of the State Controller (OSC) is required to prepare the Cash Funds Excess Uncommitted Reserves Report annually by September 20 to determine which funds are in compliance.

### Recommendations Made

**18**

### Responses

Agree: **18**

Partially Agree: **0**

Disagree: **0**