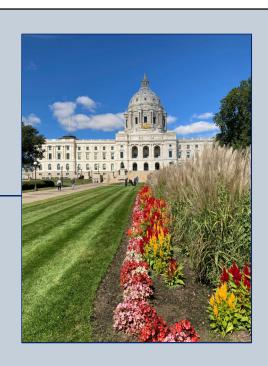
# Internal Controls and Implementation Status of Recommendations

January 29, 2025





#### **Overview**

- Internal Controls
- Implementation Status of OLA Recommendations
- Legislative Oversight

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#### Internal Controls

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# **Key Internal Control Activities**

- Establish responsibility
- Implement separation of duties
- Restrict access
- Create policies and procedures
- Establish record keeping

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## **Establish Responsibility: Why it Matters**

#### <u>DHS: Outstanding Provider Debt in</u> <u>Minnesota's Medicaid Program</u>

- Staff did not know it was their responsibility
- DHS unaware of issue
- No recovery of over \$40 million in overpayments

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# **Separation of Duties: Why it Matters**

#### Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind

- Superintendent approved own travel
- · Reimbursed for ineligible travel expenses

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# **Restrict Access: Why it Matters**

#### Minnesota State Lottery

- IT administrators with broad privileged access
- Creates risk of hiding foul play

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# **Create Policies and Procedures: Why it Matters**

#### Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education

- No procedures to verify purpose of mileage costs
- Risk of misuse

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# **Establish Recordkeeping: Why it Matters**

#### Minnesota Board on Aging: Senior Nutrition Program

- Inadequate documentation for meal reimbursement rates for area agency
- Rates were 3 times higher than other area agencies
- Risk of unallowable or inappropriate expenses

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# Implementation Status of **OLA Recommendations**

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#### **Update Process**

- Identify evaluations and special reviews with recommendations published in 2022, 2023, 2024
- Request response and documentation from agencies
- Create report
- Review for consistency and accuracy

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# Status: Implemented but additional work needed to confirm

Department of Commerce (p. 2)

- Adopt policies
- Ensure investigators consistently follow policies

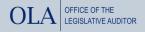
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# Status: Work needed to determine implementation

Metropolitan Council (p. 12)

· Ensure bonus only given when earned



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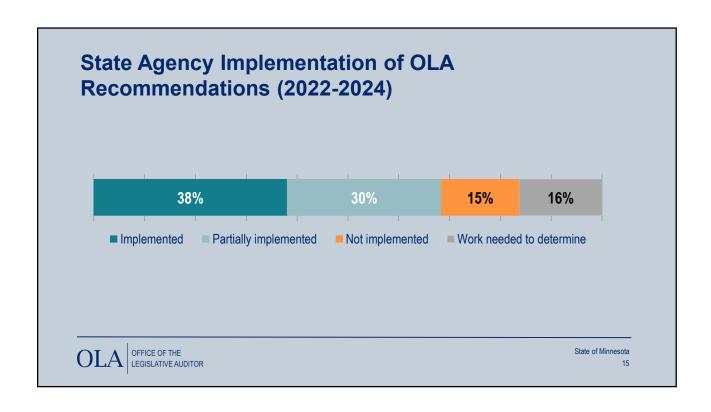
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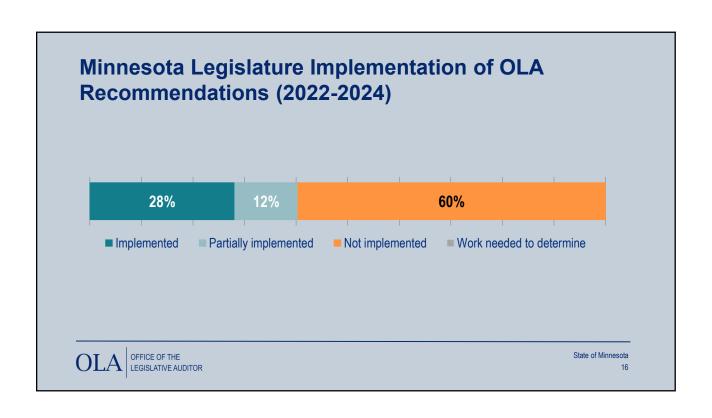
Minnesota Legislature (p. 29)

Require all state agency grants management staff to complete training

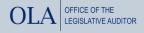
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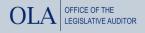
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# **Legislative Oversight**

- OLA report
- Agency response
- Legislative hearings



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