

# REPORT HIGHLIGHTS



## ANNUAL REPORT: STATUS OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS NOT FULLY IMPLEMENTED, AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

INFORMATIONAL REPORT, NOVEMBER 2021

STATE OF COLORADO

### CONCLUSION

Over the 5-year period, July 2015 through June 2020, the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) made 1,504 audit recommendations to state agencies and other audited organizations (auditees). Auditees generally agreed with our recommendations and usually implemented them by the original implementation date set by auditees. However, 132 of the recommendations that auditees agreed to (9 percent), have not been fully implemented as of June 30, 2021, and about one-third of the unimplemented recommendations are considered high priority due to their seriousness, or because they have been unimplemented for 3 years or more.

### KEY FACTS

- For Fiscal Years 2016 through 2020 (July 2015 to June 2020), the OSA made a total of 1,532 recommendations to auditees through financial audits, performance audits, and information technology (IT) audits.
- Auditees agreed to implement 98 percent of all audit recommendations made by the OSA.
- Overall, as of June 30, 2021, auditees have implemented 91 percent of the audit recommendations that they agreed to implement.
- The percentage of unimplemented audit recommendations has increased since June 30, 2020, primarily because the Governor's Office of Information Technology had more recommendations that were unimplemented in 2021.
- Of the 132 unimplemented audit recommendations, the OSA has classified 54 of them (41 percent) as high priority due to the seriousness of the problems identified and/or because they have been unimplemented for 3 years or more.

### BACKGROUND

- The OSA is an independent, nonpartisan Legislative Branch agency, with the mission to improve government for the people of Colorado.
- The OSA tracks the implementation status of all recommendations that it makes through its audits of state agencies, public colleges and universities, and other political subdivisions and organizations, as required by Section, 2-3-103(1), C.R.S.
- The purpose of this report is to provide transparency to policy makers, the public, and others responsible for holding state agencies and other audited organizations accountable for the audit recommendations that they have agreed to implement.
- The OSA determines the implementation status of financial and IT-related financial audit recommendations based on follow-up audits, and determines the implementation status of recommendations from performance or IT performance audits based on self-reported data from auditees, and on OSA follow-up audit work for select audits.