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Office of Fiscal and Program Review

Website

Mission Statement

"The office collects, researches and analyzes fiscal and program information related to the finances and operation of State Government for legislators, legislative committees and commissions. As a part of this role the Office analyzes the Governor's budget and other appropriation requests, reviews all bills and amendments for their fiscal impacts to provide projections of revenue and expenditures and monitors agency financial status (including transfers of funds)" (official website).

Most Recent Reports

Available **here**.

Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

Website

Mission Statement

"The Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) exists to support the Legislature in monitoring and improving the performance of State government by conducting independent, objective reviews of State programs and activities with a focus on effectiveness, efficiency and economical use of resources. Within this context, OPEGA also evaluates compliance with laws, regulations, policies and procedures" (official website).

Statute

"The Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability is created for the purpose of providing program evaluation of agencies and programs of State Government and, when determined necessary by the committee, local and county governments, quasi-municipal governments, special districts, utility districts, regional development agencies or any municipal or nonprofit corporation. The office also is established to ensure that public funds provided to local and county governments, quasi-municipal governments, special districts, utility districts, regional development agencies or any municipal or nonprofit corporation are expended for the purposes for which they were allocated, appropriated or contracted. When authorized by the committee, the office also may examine or direct an examination of any state contractor financed in whole or part by public funds and any expenditure by any public official or public employee during the course of public duty, including, but not limited to, any expenditure of private money for the purposes of the agency or other entity" (Maine Statute 3§991).

Most Recent Reports

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Reports Recommended by Agency

- Visual Media Incentives: Maine's Visual Media Incentives Have Had Limited Effect and Have Not Been Adequately Administered, March 2023

- Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS): An evaluation of MCILS's structure of oversight and the adequacy of its systems and procedures to administer payments and expenditures, Nov, 2020
- New Markets Capital Investment Program: Current Portfolio of Projects Produced Positive Outcomes; Cost-Effectiveness Could be Improved, March 2017
- Maine Turnpike Authority: Strong Planning Process Drives Bond and Toll Decisions; Some Contracting Practices and Expenditure Controls Should Be Improved; Additional Clarity Needed Around Surplus Transfer and Operating Expenses, Jan. 2011
- MaineCare Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies: Measures to Control Costs Need Strengthening, July 2009

Office of State Auditor

Website

Mission Statement

"The Office of the State Auditor provides independent assurance that Maine government is accountable to the people. We examine whether funds are spent legally and properly, and that data and systems are secure. OSA auditors perform their work in accordance with Government Auditing Standards" (official website).

Most Recent Reports

Available **here**.

Office of State Controller

Website

Mission Statement

"The Office of the State Controller's vision is to promote and achieve sound financial management practices with measurable, transparent results which garner public confidence." (official website).

Most Recent Reports

Available **here**.

Note

Maine does not have an Office of the Inspector General.