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Auditor of Public Accounts

Website

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Auditor of Public Accounts' office is to provide independent, accurate, and timely audits, reviews, or investigations of the financial operations of Nebraska State and local governments" (official website).

Most Recent Reports

Available **here**.

Legislative Audit Office

Website

Mission Statement

"Performance audits review state agency programs to evaluate the agency's success in effectively implementing legislative intent" (official website).

Most Recent Reports

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Website

Mission Statement

"The primary function of the Legislative Fiscal Office is to help the Legislature analyze state government financial and program issues" (official website).

Most Recent Reports

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Legislative Research Office

Website

Mission Statement

"The Legislative Research Office is the Unicameral’s source for data and information. Our mission is to:

- "Conduct research for state senators and their staffs.
- "Assist legislative committees with interim studies.
- "Prepare in-depth research reports and memoranda.
- "Manage Redistricting and other special projects for the Legislature.
- "Maintain a reference library for senators and staff.
- "Publish the Session Review, an annual legislative wrap-up.
- "Exchange information with other state legislatures and national legislative organizations" (official website).

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Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare

Website

Mission Statement

"Created by the Legislature in 2012, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) provides an independent form of inquiry and review of the actions of individuals and agencies responsible for the care and protection of children in the Nebraska child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The OIG is a subdivision of the Division of Legislative Oversight.

The office investigates allegations or incidents of misconduct, misfeasance, malfeasance, statutory violations, and regulatory violations committed by any of the following:

- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services;
- Juvenile Probation;
- The Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice's Juvenile Justice Programs;
- Private agencies and service providers under state contract;
- Licensed child care facilities;
- Foster parents; and
- Juvenile detention and staff secure detention centers.

The OIG also investigates incidents resulting in death or serious injury that occur in foster homes, private agencies, child care facilities, or other programs under contract with Juvenile Probation and the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as cases involving an investigation under the Child Protection Act open for no more than one year. The OIG identifies systemic issues and makes recommendations for improvement" (website).

Most Recent Reports

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Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Correctional System

Website

Mission Statement

"The Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Nebraska Correctional System was established in 2015 by the Nebraska Legislature in order to provide for increased accountability and oversight of the Nebraska correctional system. The office is a subdivision of the Division of Legislative Oversight.

The OIG identifies and examines systemic issues of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and also investigates incidents resulting in death or serious injury that occur within the Nebraska correctional system.

The OIG issues an annual report with their findings and recommendations. The report is due on September 15th" (website).

Most Recent Reports

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Office of the Public Counsel (Ombudsman)

Website

Mission Statement

"The Office of the Public Counsel promotes accountability in government by independently and impartially investigating issues related to state agencies and employees.

The office is known as the State Ombudsman's Office, which investigates citizen complaints about state government and works toward resolution of issues. Accountability in public administration is promoted by resolving these complaints against state agencies and investigating issues related to the operation of state government, with limited exceptions, and making recommendations for improvement. Because the office is independent of the agencies that it investigates, it is impartial in disputes between administrative agencies and citizens, and promotes reasonable and informal resolution of citizen grievances.

The Office of Public Counsel also conducts investigations under the State Government Effectiveness Act, also known as the Whistleblower Act. State employees are encouraged to disclose information concerning possible violations of law, fraud, waste, and mismanagement in state government. Reprisals for such disclosures are prohibited.

In addition to handling complaints and conducting investigations, the Office of Public Counsel is an important resource to the Legislature" (website).

Most Recent Reports

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