



# CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR

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## FACT SHEET

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The California State Auditor released the following report today:

### **Recommendations Not Fully Implemented After One Year** *The Omnibus Audit Accountability Act of 2006*

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Bureau of State Audits' (bureau) mission is to promote the efficient management of public funds and programs by providing citizens and government independent, objective, accurate, and timely evaluations of state and local governments' activities. The bureau fulfills its mission by conducting audits and making recommendations to state and local agencies. The bureau's efforts bring the greatest returns when agencies act upon its recommendations.

The Omnibus Audit Accountability Act of 2006 (Accountability Act) requires state agencies to report annually to the bureau on the status of their implementation of the bureau's recommendations. Using state agencies' responses, the bureau has created this report on recommendations that are not fully implemented, as required by the Accountability Act.

#### **RESULTS**

From January 2005 through October 2008, the bureau issued 69 reports on audits requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee or required in legislation. Based on the most recent responses from state agencies, the bureau reports the following:

- There were 131 recommendations made to 29 state agencies that had been outstanding for at least one year but were not fully implemented. Of the 131 recommendations, 90 remain not fully implemented.
- Although not all recommendations have been fully implemented, many agencies have reported progress. For example, the Department of Health Care Services reported that, as a result of the bureau's findings and recommendations, it has begun recouping payments it incorrectly made to providers. The department reported that it has thus far recovered \$5.3 million.
- In many cases, agencies stated that they expect to fully implement outstanding recommendations by the end of 2010. In other instances, agencies reported that they do not expect to fully implement recommendations for several years. For example, one agency stated that it will not fully implement a specific recommendation until 2015. In a few cases, agencies indicated they will not implement certain recommendations.

