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I am pleased to submit the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline Semiannual Reports for the periods January 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022, and July 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

A summary of the complaints is attached.

Sincerely,



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STATE AUDITOR'S FRAUD HOTLINE
<http://www.maine.gov/audit/fraud/index.html>
Semiannual Report
For the Period 7/1/2022 to 12/31/2022

Total number of complaints received	77
Complaint sequence: Complaints No. 928 through No. 1004	
Number of complaints closed for not meeting requirements, or not allegations of fraud	21
Number of referrals made to the Office of the Attorney General	16
Number of complaints investigated by Office of the State Auditor personnel	4
Number of referrals to the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability	0
Number of complaints still open	3
Complaints referred to (some to more than one agency):	
Fraud Investigation and Recovery Unit – DHHS	8
Division of Support Enforcement and Recovery – DHHS	0
Maine Revenue Services	13
Department of Labor	1
Maine State Housing Authority	16
Department of Environmental Protection	2
Maine Secretary of State	1
Department of Transportation	1

Types of complaints Office of the State Auditor personnel investigate:

- illegal acts affecting State government such as theft, fraud, and financial conflict of interest;
- financial fraud depleting resources or increasing expenditures of the State;
- significant abuse of State equipment or property;
- clear misuse of State property, programs, or work time for personal gain;
- gross misconduct with significant financial effects;
- consistent, wasteful conduct with significant financial implications; and
- kickbacks or similar acts involving return payments to State workers or vendors.

Types of complaints Office of the State Auditor personnel do not investigate, but the Office does generally refer these complaints to other State agencies or other government authorities:

- personal conflicts between individuals or threats of violence;
- alleged improper acts by Federal officials;
- complaints against State employees about personal matters;
- mistakes made by State personnel;
- insignificant matters or complaints without sufficient factual basis; and
- matters handled by other specific State investigation units.

The Office of the State Auditor does not have enforcement power. However, we work with governmental entities that do have enforcement power. This includes, but is not limited to, the Attorney General's Office and the District Attorneys' Offices.

NOTE: Reports issued prior to the 2022 semiannual reports included a listing of all complaints received by the Office of the State Auditor. Semiannual reports issued for 2022 and going forward include only a list of complaints investigated by the Office of the State Auditor. A summary of all complaints referred to other agencies or closed for either not meeting requirements or not relating to fraud is found on page one of this report. A listing of the complaints investigated by the Office of the State Auditor personnel received from January 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022, begins on page three of this report.

ID	Type or Name of <u>Potential</u> Fraud	State Agency Complained of:	Potential Impact on Government:	Action taken by the Office of the State Auditor:	Substantiation of Complaint:
948	Municipal complaint	None	N/A	In process - ongoing investigation	In process
950	Travel reimbursement fraud	State of Maine	Possible recovery of any ineligible benefits	Closed - OSA ¹ internally investigated. Referred to AG ² /OSC ³ to determine final outcome	A separate report will be provided.
995	Municipal complaint	None	N/A	In process - in communication with complainant	In process
1002	Municipal complaint	None	N/A	In process - in communication with complainant	In process

¹ Office of the State Auditor

² Office of the Maine Attorney General

³ Office of the State Controller