

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Streamlining Commission Analysis**



Recommendation No. **RECOMMENDATION 55**  
 Streamlining Draft **AGEB 23A**

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<b>Subject:</b>	

Create a website of a searchable database of state agencies, payees, expense categories, and a virtual check register

The Streamlining Commission recommends to the governor and the Louisiana Legislature that Louisiana state government create a website modeled after the "Where the Money Goes: Window on State Government and Transparency at Work in Texas" website provided by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The Commission further recommends that Louisiana state government also assimilate into this new website the best practices and user-friendly nature exhibited by the state of Utah's "transparent.utah.gov" website, which is dedicated to the transparency and accountability of Utah's government finances.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed recommendation will likely result in an increase in state general fund expenditures in order to add functionality to the LaTrac system which is the state's Transparency and Accountability Portal. The LaTrac system was implemented in November 2008 as a result of Act 20 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of 2008. The Act required the commissioner of administration to establish and maintain a website to post reports of state spending. The DOA notes that it has spent approximately \$200,000 to date on the LaTrac system and has obligated the remaining \$100,000 (of a \$300,000 contract) for updates to the system as per recent legislation. This includes Act 12 of the 2009 Regular Session which requires specific information regarding boards and commissions be provided on a website established and maintained by the commissioner of administration.

According to the DOA, all of the current information provided by LaTrac is the same as that provided by the Texas system other than the ability to provide an electronic image of checks issued (if one exists). The DOA is uncertain as to the potential cost of including this functionality.

In addition, the DOA notes that modifying the state website similar to what Utah's site would not necessarily increase costs. This would include making the website more visually appealing and including the judicial and legislative branches. However, the Utah site also includes expenditures by means of finance. This cannot be done until the implementation of the ERP is completed in FY 12.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate  
 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

Dual Referral Rules

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House

6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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