



Auditor of State Dave Yost



Our Mission

The Auditor of State's office strives for clean, accountable and efficient governments for those we serve, the people of Ohio.

We are professionals.

We work under objective standards, driven by numbers and facts without regard to politics.

Every day, we work to achieve truth in a smarter, streamlined government.

Working for Smarter, Skinnier Government

Tightening Our Belt & Saving Taxpayer Dollars

- Auditor Dave Yost is saving taxpayers over **\$1 million** in the renegotiation of lease contracts and review of agency operations.
- Auditor Dave Yost championed state legislation to require that state agencies undergo specialized performance audits to identify savings and eliminate waste. Since 2007, performance audits conducted by the Auditor of State's office have resulted in potential savings of \$23.00 for every audit dollar spent. **Senate Bill 4** was enacted into law April 5, 2011.
- We've encouraged local governments to have performance audits by working with legislative leaders to establish the **Leverage, Efficiency, Accountability and Performance (LEAP) Fund**, used to advance the costs of an audit. Costs must be repaid in one year.
- Recognizing that it is time for finding new ways of doing business, Auditor Yost advocated for the passage of legislation to break down barriers in current law that prevent local governments from joining together to share services or form a single, lower-cost government.
- To assist local communities with streamlining operations, Auditor Yost established an online clearinghouse to share best practices. Visit **SkinnyOhio.org**.

Finding and Fighting Fraud

- Auditor Yost and his team conduct nearly 4,000 audits per year. In the last biennium, the Auditor's Office issued approximately \$8.5 million in findings for recovery for misspent or stolen public money.
- Through our special audits and a special investigations unit, in the past two years, the office has performed 69 special audits with \$10.2 million in findings for recovery.
- Auditor Yost has called for greater transparency in Ohio's governments by offering best practices for how to comply with Ohio's sunshine laws.

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