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Subject: SAO Response to PRR #7680 - Employment Security Department and the Office of Administrative Hearings
Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 1:08:00 PM
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Dear Ms. Holthaus,

The Office of the Washington State Auditor has received and completed our response to your public records request sent in via email, as follows:

I am writing to formally request that the Washington State Auditor's Office exercise its statutory oversight responsibilities regarding the recordkeeping and hearing procedures of the Employment Security Department and the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Despite raising significant concerns about systemic failures that undermine due process rights, and could affect my personal autonomy, I have been advised by your office to "seek resolution through the courts." I find this response inadequate and inconsistent with the Auditor's role to ensure agency accountability and operational integrity.

Therefore, I am requesting:

- 1. A detailed explanation of any investigations, audits, or reviews your office has conducted related to these issues.***
- 2. Information on what corrective actions or oversight measures have been recommended or implemented to address these systemic problems.***
- 3. Confirmation that my concerns will be formally documented and escalated within your office for appropriate action.***

As a citizen directly affected by these failures, I urge your office to take proactive steps to protect public trust, uphold transparency, and ensure compliance with Washington state laws governing administrative hearings and public records.

Please find records from March 1st, 2025 to June 16th, 2025. Please provide your response within 14 calendar days of this letter.

In response, we have no responsive records to fulfill items 1 and 2 of your request. In response to item 3, by submitting this public records request, your complaint has been formally documented. Then, when you say, "escalated within your office for appropriate action.", we want you to know that according to our Director of Legal Affairs, the appropriate action in this matter is for the courts. We will now consider this closed. SAO does not intend to further address the request, and the PRA's one-year statute of limitations to seek judicial review has started to run as of the date of this letter. Please contact us within 30 days by e-mail at PublicRecords@sao.wa.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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