

**NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE
STATE EMPLOYEES WHISTLEBLOWER ACT
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- Designees are required by law to receive and transmit Whistleblower reports to the State Auditor's Office within 15 days of receipt.
- Report topics expanded.

The following list of individuals are designated as responsible for receiving reports from WWU faculty and staff who wish to make Whistleblower reports under the Washington State Whistleblower law regarding improper governmental action at Western Washington University. These designees are in addition to the State Auditor and the Executive Ethics Board.

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The amended law defines improper governmental action that may be reported under the Whistleblower law as follows:

- A gross waste of public funds or resources;
- A violation of state or federal law;
- Substantial and specific danger to the public health or safety;
- Gross mismanagement; or
- Activity which prevents dissemination of scientific opinion or alters technical findings without scientifically valid justification.

Please contact Kim Herrenkohl, Internal Audit Director, or the State Auditor's Office with questions regarding these changes.