

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH STATE COMPLIANCE AUDIT GUIDE ON:
- COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL STATE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
- INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE**

The Honorable County Commission
Davis County, Utah

Report On Compliance with General State Compliance Requirements

We have audited Davis County, Utah's compliance with the general compliance requirements described in the State Compliance Audit Guide, issued by the Office of the Utah State Auditor, that could have a direct and material effect on Davis County, Utah for the year ended December 31, 2018.

General state compliance requirements were tested for the year ended December 31, 2018 in the following areas:

- Budgetary Compliance
- Fund Balance
- Justice Courts
- Utah Retirement Systems Compliance
- Restricted Taxes and Related Revenues
- Open and Public Meetings Act
- Treasurer's Bond
- Utah Public Finance Website
- Statement of Taxes Charged, Collected and Disbursed – Current and Prior Years

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the general state requirements referred to above.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Davis County, Utah's compliance based on our audit of the compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the State Compliance Audit Guide. Those standards and the State Compliance Audit Guide require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a material effect on Davis County, Utah occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Davis County, Utah's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance with general state compliance requirements and for each major state program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Davis County's compliance.

Opinion on General State Compliance Requirements

In our opinion, Davis County, Utah complied, in all material respects, with the general compliance requirements identified above and the compliance requirements that are applicable to each of its major state programs for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed immaterial instances of noncompliance with those requirements, which are required to be reported in accordance with the State Compliance Audit Guide and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations as items 2018-1. Our opinion on compliance is not modified with respect to these matters.

Davis County, Utah's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings. Davis County, Utah's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Davis County, Utah is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Davis County, Utah's internal control over compliance with the compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on Davis County, Utah to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance with general state compliance requirements and for each major state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the State Compliance Audit Guide, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Davis County, Utah's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a general state or major state program compliance requirement on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a general state or major state program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a general state or major state program compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness

in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirement of the State Compliance Audit Guide. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Wright & Associates, P.C.

Ogden, UT
June 25, 2019

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

STATE LEGAL COMPLIANCE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Statement of Condition 2018-1

The legal defender department of the General fund exceeded budgeted expenditures at year end.

Criteria: In accordance with Utah Code 10-36-21 expenditures by fund or department may not exceed appropriated amounts in the final budget.

Cause: The County has agreements with outside attorneys & investigators to help with the defense of those who cannot afford to hire their own attorney. Additional expenditures for these services near year end were not able to be estimated and thus the expenditures exceeded the amount appropriated by \$28,114.

Effect: A higher than anticipated use of the services of attorneys and private investigators caused the legal defender department of the general fund to exceed budgeted expenditures for the year.

Recommendation: We recommend monitoring the use of outside legal services so that budgeted expenditures can be modified as needed throughout the year.

Management's Response: We will closely monitor the costs of the legal defender services throughout the year and recommend adjustments where necessary.