



RESULTS AS OF DECEMBER 3, 2004

Elected officials go on record in support of performance audits

The Evergreen Freedom Foundation has always been a strong advocate of instituting comprehensive, independent performance audits as a tool to ensure the wisest possible use of taxpayer dollars. Recent investigations over the past several months have revealed numerous examples of fraud, waste and mismanagement, which have only reinforced our efforts.

Performance audits are a major step toward restoring responsible government. No state manages its budget and accountability procedures perfectly, but Washington taxpayers deserve proper oversight. In Texas, for example, a decade worth of performance reviews saved taxpayers \$9 billion of an identified \$19 billion in potential savings.

Currently, Washington is the only state in the nation that prohibits its independently elected state auditor from doing the job he was hired to do. This handicap is costing the state untold millions—if not billions—of dollars in potential savings.

In 2003, several performance audit-type bills were drafted for consideration by the legislature, but each provided room for political manipulation. So EFF asked legislators and candidates (including gubernatorial) to sign a pledge to taxpayers that they will adopt comprehensive performance audits using simple and straightforward model language. **A copy of the pledge (including model language) may be found online at www.ewfa.org/auditpledge.**

All current legislators were mailed a copy of the pledge and a return envelope in early May of this year. They were also sent a copy of the pledge via email on May 7, 2004. Another email was sent to all identified candidates and elected officials on June 11th, again on July 2nd, and a final time on August 3rd. Each active political party was also sent a copy of the pledge to distribute to its candidates. Legislators and candidates who refused to sign the pledge were given the opportunity to provide a response of up to 250 words.

The initial deadline for returning the pledge was Monday, July 5, 2004. The preliminary results were then posted, and candidates were given the opportunity to amend their comments or submit a new pledge up until Monday, August 9th. These results were released in a publication prior to the Washington state primary.

On September 23rd, an email was sent to all non-responders who had won their primary race, and each was given a further opportunity to reply. Now, the results are in.

Prior to the general election, all candidates were contacted by phone to verify their response. The current results reflect the November 2, 2004, election results.

Additional Signers



Dino Rossi (R)
Governor-Elect
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Brian Sonntag (D)
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Rob McKenna (R)
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1-800-562-6000

Dist/ Pos.	Legislator	P	Signed?	E-mail	Comments
1	Senator Rosemary McAuliffe	D	NO RESPONSE	mcauliffe2004@speakeasy.net	
1 1	Representative Al O'Brien	D	YES	obcomm@earthlink.net	Rep. Gary Alexander (R), District 20, Position 2 NO* Additional Comments: "Although Rep Alexander is a firm believer in performance audits for agencies and has sponsored legislation in favor of them, as a general rule he does not sign pledges."
1 2	Representative-Elect Mark Ericks	D	YES	ericks4staterrep@comcast.net	
2	Senator Marilyn Rasmussen	D	YES	senrasmussen@rainierconnect.com	
2 1	Representative-Elect Jim McCune	R	YES	oconnor2000@msn.com	
2 2	Representative Tom Campbell	R	YES	thomasjcampbell@qwest.net	
3	Senator Lisa Brown	D	NO RESPONSE	lisajobrown@comcast.net	
3 1	Representative Alex Wood	D	NO RESPONSE	gbrower@mindspring.com	
3 2	Representative Timm Ormsby	D	NO RESPONSE	timmsby@aol.com	
4	Senator Bob McCaslin	R	YES	mccaslin_bo@leg.wa.gov	Rep. Sam Hunt (D), District 22, Position 2 NO* Additional Comments: "Talk to the Senate Republicans about this. The House Democrats (with many House Republicans) keep passing this legislation only to see it ignored by the Senate Republicans."
4 1	Representative Larry Crouse	R	YES	crouse588@aol.com	
4 2	Representative Lynn Schindler	R	YES	lynnschindler@yahoo.com	
5	Senator Cheryl Pflug	R	NO RESPONSE	Cheryl@pflug.com	
5 1	Representative Jay Rodne	R	YES	jrodne@comcast.net	
5 2	Representative Glenn Anderson	R	YES	glenn@glennanderson.org	
6	Senator Brad Benson	R	YES	wa6threp@earthlink.net	
6 1	Representative-Elect John Serben	R	YES	john@electjohnserben.org	
6 2	Representative John Ahern	R	YES	jeahern@aol.com	Sen.-Elect Phil Rockefeller (D), District 23 NO* Additional Comments: "I do strongly support the conduct of performance audits throughout all of state government, and have done so consistently since my first campaign for the House in 1996. As a House member the past six years, it's been my privilege to serve on the Joint Legislative & Audit Review Committee (JLARC), which as you and EFF's executive director, Bob Williams, should know, is carrying out the performance audit function entrusted to it by law, and doing so very effectively. I currently serve as Vice Chair of JLARC, having served out the term of Chair following the retirement of then-Chair Val Ogden from the House in 2003, prior to it rotating to the Senate majority. JLARC strictly adheres to the Government Accounting Standards published by the U.S. General Accounting Office, and has done so with distinction. It has received national awards for the quality of its work from peer reviews. It is, in addition, bipartisan, and gains credibility from that fact. It has the authority to make use of outside contractors
7	Senator Bob Morton	R	NO RESPONSE	morton_bo@leg.wa.gov	
7 1	Representative Bob Sump	R	NO RESPONSE	oswin@plix.com	
7 2	Representative-Elect Joel Kretz	R	YES	plr@bossig.com	
8	Senator Jerome Delvin	R	YES	Jerome@owt.com	
8 1	Representative Shirley Hankins	R	NO RESPONSE	hankins_sh@leg.wa.gov	
8 2	Representative-Elect Larry Haler	R	YES	le.haler@verizon.net	
9	Senator Mark Schoesler	R	YES	mschoesler@yahoo.com	
9 1	Representative Don Cox	R	NO RESPONSE	dcox@stjohncable.com	
9 2	Representative-Elect David Buri	R	YES	Buri2004@colfax.com	
10	Senator Mary Margaret Haugen	D	NO RESPONSE	marymargarethaugen2@msn.com	
10 1	Representative-Elect Chris Strow	R	YES	chris@chrisstrow.com	
10 2	Representative Barbara Bailey	R	NO RESPONSE	bbailey@whidbey.net	
11	Senator Margarita Prentice	D	NO RESPONSE	margaritaprentice@comcast.net	
11 1	Representative Zack Hudgins	D	NO RESPONSE	zhudgins@yahoo.com	
11 2	Representative-Elect Bob Hasegawa	D	NO RESPONSE	bhasegawa@aol.com	
12	Senator Linda Evans Parlette	R	YES	parlette_li@leg.wa.gov	
12 1	Representative Cary Condotta	R	YES	support@electcondotta.org	
12 2	Representative Mike Armstrong	R	YES	colleenmorse@earthlink.net	
13	Senator Joyce Mulliken	R	YES	mulliken_jo@leg.wa.gov	
13 1	Representative Jane'a Holmquist	R	YES	holmquist_ja@yahoo.com	
13 2	Representative Bill Hinkle	R	YES	repbill@billhinkle.us	
14	Senator Alex Deccio	R	NO RESPONSE	deccio_al@leg.wa.gov	
14 1	Representative Mary Skinner	R	NO RESPONSE	skinner_ma@leg.wa.gov	

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15	1	Representative	Bruce	Chandler	R	NO RESPONSE	chandler_br@leg.wa.gov
15	2	Representative	Dan	Newhouse	R	YES	dnewhous@bentonrea.com
16		Senator	Mike	Hewitt	R	NO RESPONSE	senator16@charter.net
16	1	Representative-Elect	Maureen	Walsh	R	YES	walshforstaterep@charter.net
16	2	Representative	Bill	Grant	D	NO RESPONSE	bgrant@hscis.net
17		Senator	Don	Benton	R	YES	Benton@pacifier.com
17	1	Representative-Elect	Jim	Dunn	R	YES	staterep@jimdunn.com
17	2	Representative	Deb	Wallace	D	YES	votedebwallace@comcast.net
18		Senator	Joseph	Zarelli	R	YES	jzarelli@earthlink.net
18	1	Representative-Elect	Richard	Curtis	R	YES	rkeiko@comcast.net
18	2	Representative	Ed	Orcutt	R	YES	edorcutt@repedorcutt.com
19		Senator	Mark	Doumit	D	NO RESPONSE	
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19	2	Representative	Brian	Blake	D	NO	brian@brianblake.com
20		Senator	Dan	Swecker	R	YES	wfga@localaccess.com
20	1	Representative	Richard	DeBolt	R	YES	richard-debolt@transalta.com
20	2	Representative	Gary	Alexander	R	NO*	garyalexander@gary-alexander.com
21		Senator	Paull	Shin	D	NO RESPONSE	
21	1	Representative-Elect	Mary Helen	Roberts	D	YES	mhroberts@seanet.com
21	2	Representative	Brian	Sullivan	D	NO RESPONSE	brianmukilteo@comcast.net
22		Senator	Karen	Fraser	D	NO RESPONSE	frasermalone@worldnet.att.net
22	1	Representative-Elect	Brendan	Williams	D	YES	brendan@peopleforbrendanwilliams.com
22	2	Representative	Sam	Hunt	D	NO*	huntsam@comcast.net
23		Senator-Elect	Phil	Rockefeller	D	NO*	rockberry@seanet.com
23	1	Representative-Elect	Sherry	Appleton	D	YES	sherrya76@comcast.net
23	2	Representative	Beverly	Woods	R	YES	mail@bevwoods.com
24		Senator	Jason	Hargrove	D	NO RESPONSE	hargrovetam@olynet.com
24	1	Representative	Jim	Buck	R	YES	buckdj@olympen.com
24	2	Representative	Lynn	Kessler	D	NO RESPONSE	kessler24@aol.com
25		Senator	Jim	Kastama	D	YES	jkastama@hotmail.com
25	1	Representative	Joyce	McDonald	R	YES	repdmcdonald@comcast.net
25	2	Representative	Dawn	Morrell	D	YES	dawnm25@earthlink.net
26		Senator	Bob	Oke	R	NO RESPONSE	oke_bo@leg.wa.gov
26	1	Representative	Patricia	Lantz	D	YES	voteatlantz@harbornet.com
26	2	Representative-Elect	Derek	Kilmer	D	YES	derekforstaterep@aol.com
27		Senator	Debbie	Regala	D	NO	regs141@comcast.net
27	1	Representative	Dennis	Flannigan	D	NO RESPONSE	dennisflannigan@nventure.com
27	2	Representative	Jeannie	Darneille	D	NO RESPONSE	darneilleJ@aol.com
28		Senator	Mike	Carrell	R	YES	ccarrell@ix.netcom.com
28	1	Representative	Gigi	Talcott	R	YES	gigi@talcott.org
28	2	Representative-Elect	Tami	Green	D	NO RESPONSE	tami.green@comcast.net
29		Senator	Rosa	Franklin	D	NO RESPONSE	
29	1	Representative	Steve	Conway	D	NO RESPONSE	sgconway@aol.com
29	2	Representative	Steve	Kirby	D	NO RESPONSE	vote4stevekirby@aol.com
30		Senator	Tracey	Eide	D	NO RESPONSE	
30	1	Representative	Mark	Miloscia	D	YES	miloscia@comcast.net
30	2	Representative	Skip	Priest	R	YES	mspriest@comcast.net
31		Senator	Pam	Roach	R	YES	roach_pa@leg.wa.gov
31	1	Representative	Dan	Roach	R	YES	melkosoffroach@aol.com
31	2	Representative	Jan	Shabro	R	YES	jshabro@msn.com
32		Senator	Darlene	Fairly	D	NO RESPONSE	
32	1	Representative	Maralyn	Chase	D	YES	maralyn_chase@msn.com
32	2	Representative	Ruth L	Kagi	D	NO RESPONSE	kagi@seanet.com
33		Senator	Karen	Keiser	D	NO RESPONSE	
33	1	Representative	Shay	Schual-Berke	D	NO RESPONSE	shayschualberke@qwest.net
33	2	Representative	Dave	Upthegrove	D	NO RESPONSE	daveup@nwlink.com
34		Senator	Erik	Poulsen	D	NO RESPONSE	
34	1	Representative	Eileen	Cody	D	NO RESPONSE	eileenlcody@comcast.net
34	2	Representative	Joe	McDermott	D	NO RESPONSE	joe_mcdermott@msn.com
35		Senator	Tim	Sheldon	D	YES*	
35	1	Representative	Kathy	Haigh	D	NO RESPONSE	kathigh@aol.com
35	2	Representative	William 'Ike'	Eickmeyer	D	NO RESPONSE	office@ike35th.com
36		Senator	Jeanne	Kohl-Welles	D	NO RESPONSE	
36	1	Representative	Helen	Sommers	D	NO RESPONSE	helensommers@comcast.net
36	2	Representative	Mary Lou	Dickerson	D	NO RESPONSE	maryloudickerson@earthlink.net
37		Senator	Adam	Kline	D	NO RESPONSE	
37	1	Representative	Sharon Tomiko	Santos	D	NO RESPONSE	tomikosan@aol.com
37	2	Representative	Eric	Pettigrew	D	NO RESPONSE	e.pettigrew@comcast.net
38		Senator	Jean	Berkey	D	NO*	jeanberkey@earthlink.net
38	1	Representative	John	McCoy	D	YES	jmtulalip@aol.com
38	2	Representative-Elect	Mike	Sells	D	YES	mikesells@aol.com
39		Senator	Val	Stevens	R	YES	stevens_va@leg.wa.gov
39	1	Representative	Dan	Kristiansen	R	YES	dankristiansen39@msn.com
39	2	Representative	Kirk	Pearson	R	YES	pearson7@w-link.net
40		Senator	Harriet	Spanel	D	NO RESPONSE	spanel@nas.com
40	1	Representative	Dave	Quall	D	NO RESPONSE	quall.da@verizon.net
40	2	Representative	Jeff	Morris	D	NO RESPONSE	morrisje@gte.net
41		Senator-Elect	Brian	Weinstein	D	NO RESPONSE	brian@weinsteinforsenate.org
41	1	Representative	Fred	Jarrett	R	NO RESPONSE	fred@vote4fred.com

and consultants, and does so extensively to augment the analytical and research capabilities of its own staff. JLARC members (8 from Senate, 8 from House), in my direct experience, are fiercely protective of its independence as a watchdog for governmental waste and inefficiency, strongly committed to continuous improvement of executive branch performance, and prepared and effective in leveraging its credibility among legislators, the executive branch, and general public, to achieve agency implementation of the reforms as recommended by its performance”

**Sen. Tim Sheldon (D), District 35
YES***

Additional Comments:

“Performance audits are necessary for accountability in government and business. Our Washington State Ferry System cannot account for over \$1 million in lost fares for eleven straight years. The public needs a watchdog agency with teeth. If government is operating efficiently and honestly, it has nothing to fear or hide.”

**Sen. Jean Berkey (D), District 38
NO***

Additional Comments:

“I believe every person in the state of Washington will agree that government needs to be more efficient and performance audits are a valuable tool that can be used to measure and improve efficiency. I do not believe, however, that setting up another state bureaucracy to audit the state bureaucracy we already have is going to accomplish much. I believe an audit must be supported by the organization being audited if it is to be of much benefit. I will continue to support auditing or performance measurement programs that I believe will be of benefit to citizens of this state.”

**Rep. Kelli Linville (D), District 42, Position 2
NO***

Additional Comments:

“Thank you for contacting me. Five or six years ago, I took the position to not sign any pledges. However, I do support performance audits and have voted for them over the years. I think that the improvements that you are suggesting are good. I have previously supported auditing all agencies so I agree with #1. #2 I believe that the auditor should set the scope for the audits in consultation with the legislature. #3 I agree with number three. #4 I agree with number four. I will continue to fight for accountability in budgeting. I prime sponsored HB 3080 last year to require setting priorities for government spending and performance based measures to evaluate program effectiveness.”

**Sen. Bill Finkbeiner (R), District 45
NO***

Additional Comments:

“As a general rule I don't sign pledges of any type because I feel my allegiance always has to be to my constituents and the only pledge I make is to use my best judgment to represent their interests. So I have not signed the pledge. However, I have voted for every performance audit bill that has come down the pike since 1995 when I first worked with then Senator Strannigan on this idea. I will continue to support any performance audit bill that will improve the operation of the state agencies and departments.”

41	2	Representative	Judy	Clibborn	D	YES	judy@judyclibborn.com
42		Senator	Dale	Brandland	R	NO RESPONSE	brandland_da@leg.wa.gov
42	1	Representative	Doug	Ericksen	R	YES	Doug@DougEricksen.com
42	2	Representative	Kelli	Linville	D	NO*	wroehl@comcast.net
43		Senator	Pat	Thibaudeau	D	NO RESPONSE	
43	1	Representative	Edward	Murray	D	NO RESPONSE	edwardmur@msn.com
43	2	Representative	Frank	Chopp	D	YES	frank@frankchopp.com
44		Senator	Dave	Schmidt	R	NO RESPONSE	schmidt_da@leg.wa.gov
44	1	Representative	Hans	Dunshee	D	YES	hans.dunshee@verizon.net
44	2	Representative	John	Lovick	D	NO RESPONSE	JLovick1@aol.com
45		Senator	Bill	Finkbeiner	R	NO*	finkbeiner_bi@leg.wa.gov
45	1	Representative	Toby	Nixon	R	YES	toby@tobynixon.com
45	2	Representative-Elect	Larry	Springer	D	NO RESPONSE	info@lspringer.com
46		Senator	Ken	Jacobsen	D	NO RESPONSE	
46	1	Representative	Jim	McIntire	D	NO RESPONSE	jlmac@wolfenet.com
46	2	Representative	Phyllis	Kenney	D	NO RESPONSE	kenneylp@aol.com
47		Senator	Steve	Johnson	R	NO*	johnson_st@leg.wa.gov
47	1	Representative	Geoff	Simpson	D	NO RESPONSE	geoff@votesimpson.com
47	2	Representative-Elect	Patrick	Sullivan	D	YES	info@votepatsullivan.com
48		Senator	Luke	Esser	R	YES	esser_lu@leg.wa.gov
48	1	Representative	Ross	Hunter	D	YES	ross@rosshunter.net
48	2	Representative	Rodney	Tom	R	YES	rodney@rodneytom.org
49		Senator-Elect	Craig	Pridemore	D	NO RESPONSE	craigpridemore1@comcast.net
49	1	Representative	Bill	Fromhold	D	NO RESPONSE	cfromhold@comcast.net
49	2	Representative	Jim	Moeller	D	YES	councilmbr@hotmail.com

Sen. Steve Johnson (R), District 47
NO*

Additional Comments:

"My legislative record is clear that I have supported performance audit legislation in the past and I will continue to do so. I am less inclined to support specific language considerably in advance of legislative consideration of a bill, but you can be assured that I will be on the positive side of the issue."

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