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Office of the State Auditor Releases Review of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services

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The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today releases its limited review of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services (DABS).

State Auditor John Dougall said, "It is critical that the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services perform its financial reconciliations in a timely manner and that it promptly resolve its ongoing interface issues with the State's accounting system. We recognize the challenges with deploying complex data systems but DABS has had sufficient time to correct these issues. We are grateful to see other improvements in DABS's operations."

The news release and related information may be found on the Office's website at <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>. The Review may be found directly at: https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=015Do0000017ZiXIAU

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Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting Federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud and compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

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