



## **Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement Hotline**

*Semiannual Report: January 2022 – June 2022*

As required by s. 13.94 (1) (br), Wis. Stats., the Legislative Audit Bureau operates a toll-free hotline (1-877-FRAUD-17) that allows the public and individuals within state government to confidentially report alleged fraud, waste, and mismanagement. Callers may remain anonymous, and the Bureau is statutorily required to protect their identities even when other information is made public.

We highlight the activity of the Bureau's Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement Hotline for the period from January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022, including the 36 state-related reports we received.

### **We received a total of 46 reports from January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022**

We note that 36 of the 46 hotline reports (78.3 percent) were state-related. The majority of such reports pertained to concerns about alleged agency mismanagement. As of June 30, 2022, we resolved 1 of the 36 state-related reports to the hotline, and we determined that 15 of the 36 reports were unfounded/unsubstantiated, or no action was needed. As of July 1, 2022, 20 of the 36 state-related hotline reports were under review. We also highlight a finding related to a hotline report that we resolved since the publication of our last semiannual report in January 2022 (report 22-1).