



An Audit of

Cybersecurity at the Health Professions Council

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Members of the Legislative Audit Committee:

The Health Professions Council (Council) had significant weaknesses in managing some elements of its information resources but implemented certain information system security processes and controls to meet statutory requirements and Department of Information Resources standards.

To minimize security risks, auditors communicated details about the audit findings separately to the Council in a confidential report.

PRIORITY

One chapter was rated Priority because of issues that could critically affect the Council's ability to effectively administer its information security function. Immediate action should be taken to reduce the risk.

MEDIUM

Two chapters were rated Medium because of issues that could moderately affect the Council's ability to effectively administer its information security function. Action is needed to address the noted concerns and reduce risks.

Auditors made recommendations to address the issues identified during this audit, provided at the end of each chapter in the confidential report. The Council agreed with the recommendations.

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Sincerely,

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Summary of Objective and Scope

The objective of this audit was to determine whether the Health Professions Council (Council) has implemented information system security standards and related controls in accordance with applicable requirements and best practices.

The scope of this audit covered selected information system security standards and related controls over the Council's significant information technology systems from September 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. The scope also included a review of significant internal control components related to the Council's information standards and controls.

We conducted this performance audit from February 2025 through August 2025 in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

cc: The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor
Members of the Health Professions Council
Mr. John H. Monk, Director, Health Professions Council



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