

# Transparency – The State’s Checkbook on the Fiscal Website

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## Background

- June 2008 – SB 6818 There is Legislative intent to make revenue and expenditure data as open, transparent, and publically accessible as is feasible.
- December 2008 – Fiscal website available; adding checkbook info is next.
- 32 states display checkbook information.
- There is executive, bipartisan and public support and an expectation the data will be available.

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## Potential impacts to agencies

- There could be the potential for savings due to fewer public disclosure requests.
- Some states have found increased public engagement and lower risk of fraud.
- Agencies will be able to easily see other agencies’ data (subject to limitations), such as contracts, giving better coordination of and ability to negotiate contracts.

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## Potential impacts to agencies

- Doing payments right the first time will be critical because the information displayed is the “originally entered” payment information, not subsequent corrections.
- For example, there will be a need to use objects and subobjects consistently and correctly within an agency and statewide.

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## Next steps

- A formal project is being set up within OFM to
  - Resolve various issues
  - Ensure transparency in the transparency project
  - Ensure stakeholder input

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## Other factors not yet resolved

- Data sharing
- Responsibility for answering questions
- Potential workload to answer questions

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