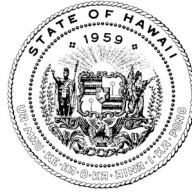


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November 24, 2020

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President, and  
Members of The Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker, and  
Members of The House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

Pursuant to HRS section 27-43.6, which requires the Chief Information Officer to submit applicable independent verification and validation (IV&V) reports to the Legislature within ten days of receiving the report, please find attached the IV&V report the Office of Enterprise Technology Services received for the State of Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services' Time & Leave Project.

In accordance with HRS section 93-16, this report may be viewed electronically at <http://ets.hawaii.gov> (see "Reports").

Sincerely,

  
Douglas Murdock (Nov 25, 2020 16:34 MST)

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Attachment (2)



# Time & Leave Project

*Phase II of the HawaiiPay project*

## Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)

IV&V Monthly Status Report – Final

For Reporting Period: **August 1 – 31, 2020**

*Draft Submitted: September 25, 2020*

*Final Submitted: September 25, 2020*

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# Executive Summary

*The project continues to make good progress and is now poised to begin Group 2 parallel testing to ensure that the Time & Leave (TL) configuration changes have not affected production payroll results. The project has recently determined they will not be able to meet some departments onboarding expectations and the Executive Governance Committee (EGC) recently approved the project's recommendation to forego including HHSC and Judiciary departments in the TL project. While DOE stated their intention to be onboarded as part of Group 4, it remains unclear if they will be able to meet project defined readiness milestones/gates, and they are currently at risk of being excluded as well.*

*The project recently executed the previously planned strategy, to fully transition help desk services and operation of the Payroll and TL system from the project team to DAGS operations, with the goal of A) freeing up the project team to focus on Group 2 go-live, and B) acclimating the DAGS operations to the long term systems support model before the TL project ends and project team support is no longer available. To address DAGS operations capacity concerns, the HIP Service Center (help desk) operating hours have been reduced 12 hours per week and now require DOE employees to contact the DOE help desk, instead of HIP, to remedy HIP user access issues. However, the level of effort to support the system as larger groups go live is expected to be significant, and it remains unclear if DAGS operations has capacity or sufficient capabilities to meet stakeholder and user expectations for system operational and help desk support without reliance on the project team. If DAGS operations is unable to shore up their capabilities, prior to Group 2 go-live, their ability to support the system could be at risk and the project may need to consider extending the schedule to allow them more time to prepare.*

*IV&V remains concerned that the OCR (Optical Character Recognition) solution has not been finalized and changes in the OCR vendor business structure could cause further delays and impact some departments ability to go-live on time. Although the project continues to demonstrate an ability to meet project objectives, IV&V also remains concerned with possible further impacts of COVID-19 including furloughs and other budget reduction measures.*



# Executive Summary

	Category	IV&V Observations
M	Human Resources Management	As of 8/31/20, the project has officially transferred help desk and operation of the Payroll and TL system to DAGS operations, with the goal of freeing up the project team to focus on TL Group 2 implementation activities. The level of effort to implement the larger and more complex Group 2 is expected to be significant. It remains unclear if DAGS operations has capacity or sufficient capabilities to meet expectations for system operational support for the larger Group 2 population without reverting to reliance on the project team. If DAGS operations is unable to augment their staff prior to Group 2 go-live, the project schedule could be extended, and the project budget could increase. Further, the project team is currently slated to kick off another project to replace the State's Financial Management System (FMS) soon after Group 2 go-live. It is expected that key members of the project team will be required to split their time between the two projects to a greater extent as the FMS project kick off draws near. IV&V remains concerned with ongoing COVID-19 impacts to state resources including potential furloughs, retirement of key resources (due to potential pay cuts), and additional efforts required to conduct project activities virtually.





# Executive Summary (cont'd)

	Category	IV&V Observations
M	Knowledge Transfer	<p>The project has officially fully transferred help desk and operation of the Payroll and TL system from the project team to DAGS operations, with the goal of not only freeing up the project team to focus on Group 2 go-live but also to acclimate the DAGS operations to the long term systems support model before the TL project ends and project team support is no longer available. IV&amp;V noted that the hours of the HIP Service Center have been reduced to approximately 12 hours per week to address DAGS Operations capacity concerns. IV&amp;V also noted an 85% reduction in HIP Service Center calls reportedly due to a DAGS policy change requiring DOE staff to contact the DOE help desk, instead of HIP, to remedy HIP user access issues. However, the level of effort to support the system as larger groups go live is expected to be significant, and it remains unclear if DAGS operations has capacity or sufficient capabilities to meet DAGS expectations for system operational support without reliance on the project team. If DAGS operations is unable to augment their staff prior to Group 2 go-live, their ability to support the system could be at risk and the project schedule could be extended and the project budget could increase.</p>
M	Operational Readiness	<p>Although concerns remain regarding risks that require escalation beyond the project, the project has thus far demonstrated a continuing ability to manage these risks in an effective manner. Still, IV&amp;V remains concerned that the OCR (Optical Character Recognition) solution has not been finalized and changes in the OCR vendor business structure could cause further delays and impact some departments ability to go-live on time. The Department of Public Safety (PSD) has a significant amount of paper documents they are expecting to scan and OCR in preparation for go-live, however, if the OCR solution delays continue, they may have to come up with a contingency plan if they are to meet project deadlines for Group 2 go-live.</p>
L	Organizational Change Management (OCM)	<p>The project is preparing to send communication kits to Group 2 departments that include templated communications they will be able to easily modify to send to their users. These efforts to standardize and simplify end user communications should improve the clarity and quality of user communications as well as improve overall project Organizational Change Management (OCM). Other planned OCM activities include virtual town hall meetings at the end of September and planned distribution of system Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) which should improve Group 2 user awareness and effective operation of the new system.</p>



# Executive Summary (cont'd)

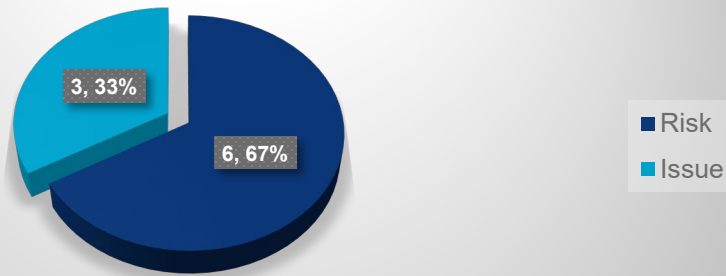
	Category	IV&V Observations
	Project Management and Organization	<p>The project has recently determined they will not be able to meet some departments onboarding expectations and the Executive Governance Committee (EGC) recently approved the project's recommendation to forego including HHSC and Judiciary departments in the TL project. The project determined that HHSC's request to calculate payroll differently depending on region, and Judiciary's request to defer their decision to implement to a later timeframe, would not be feasible given project schedule and budget constraints. While DOE has stated their intention to be onboarded as part of Group 4, it remains unclear if they will be able to meet project defined readiness milestones/gates, and they are currently at risk of being excluded as well. It remains unclear if efforts will be made to onboard excluded departments once the project ends, as part of a separate contract, or where the funding would come from. Project leadership continues to assess potential impacts of COVID-19 including budget reduction measures that may include furloughs.</p>
	Quality Management	<p>Although no significant releases were posted to the HIP production system, IV&amp;V remains concerned that the lack of documentation of clearly defined release management policy and processes could add unnecessary risk during future critical updates.</p>



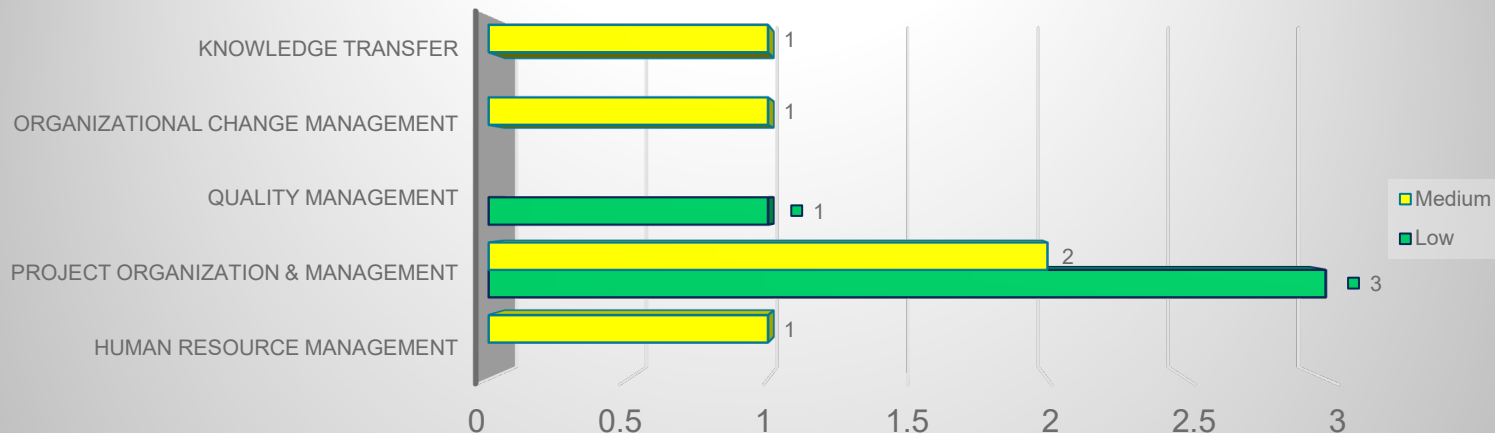
# IV&V Findings and Recommendations

IV&V is currently tracking 9 findings (6 risks, and 3 issue) for this reporting period. Of the open risks/issues, 5 are related to Project Management. The following charts breakdown the risks by type and category/priority.

### Findings by Type



### Open Risks/Issues by Category/Priority





# IV&V Findings and Recommendations (cont'd)

## Summary of IV&V Open Risks/Issues Criticality

Category	Type	#	Finding Title	Criticality
Human Resource Management	Risk	5	Over reliance on a few skilled and overtaxed project resources could lead to significant project disruption in the event of their departure	Medium
Knowledge Transfer	Risk	4	Payroll production support dependence on key Time and Leave Resources	Medium
OCM	Risk	18	Complexity of communications to end-users could lead to confusion at go-live	Medium
Project Organization & Management	Risk	9	Unexpected collective bargaining or legislative changes could lead to unanticipated demands on the project and increased scope	Low
	Issue	13	Departments opting-out of TL project could lead to unnecessary costs to the state as well as project team wasting valuable time to onboard departments who eventually decide to opt-out	Medium
	Risk	14	Communications between the project and central operations groups (primarily HR and Payroll Operations) can be ineffectual which could lead to project delays and cost overruns	Low
	Issue	19	COVID-19 State-wide shutdown could hinder project activities and negatively impact the project schedule and budget	Medium
	Risk	15	Key project risks and issues management and escalation processes may not be effective which may result in negative impact to project goals	Low
Quality Management	Risk	20	Inadequate release management processes could lead to user confusion and frustration	Low



# IV&V Findings and Recommendations (cont'd)

## M Human Resource Management

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
5	<p><b>Risk - Over reliance on a few skilled project resources could lead to significant project disruption in the event of their departure:</b> There are currently 3-4 individuals who are relied on more than others. Over reliance on key resources can not only overtax and thereby reduce the effectiveness of these key individuals, but also presents a risk of significant project disruption in the event of their departure. Resource losses from the Phase I team have not been backfilled and include the loss of the OCM manager and the SI project manager role; their responsibilities have been transferred to existing team members who appear to be at capacity. While most projects have this risk, the risk impact for this project, from IV&amp;V's perspective, is higher than most, and while the project could be impacted by the loss of several key individuals, there are 3-4 individuals who would create more significant project disruption than others.</p>	Medium



# IV&V Findings and Recommendations (cont'd)

## M Human Resource Management (cont'd)

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DAGS leadership work quickly to assist payroll operations to resolve resource challenges.</li></ul>	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Work quickly to increase state resources.</li></ul>	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Create and utilize a resource management plan to assure planful, instead of reactive, addition and management of resources. Assure the plan reflects an understanding of how many people are needed, and in which roles, to accomplish various tasks. Plan should address movement of resources as project transitions to different phases (e.g. moving from DD&amp;I to M&amp;O).</li></ul>	In progress



# IV&V Findings and Recommendations (cont'd)

## M Knowledge Transfer

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
4	<b>Risk - Payroll production support dependence on key Time and Leave Resources:</b> The concurrent DDI (Design Development & Integration) and production maintenance and operations (M&O) support activities are heavily reliant on key Time and Leave resources which may degrade their quality of work and/or cause resources to be unavailable to the Time and Leave project during critical times due to demands from Payroll support. Key project Time and Leave team members remain significantly involved in providing M&O support for the Payroll solution. At least one key team member reports spending 60% of their time providing help desk support to Payroll.	Medium

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement a transition plan to allow the Time and Leave key resources to share their knowledge while significantly reducing the time spent on providing Payroll support.</li> </ul>	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerate efforts to fully staff and operationalize the Payroll Operations Technical Support Office (TSO) with dedicated resources so that the project team can focus on TL project activities and ensure the TSO is ready to effectively support TL users before Group 2 go-live.</li> </ul>	In progress



# IV&V Findings and Recommendations (cont'd)

## L Organizational Change Management

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
18	<p><b>Risk - Complexity of communications to end-users could lead to confusion at go-live and overwhelm the help desk:</b> The project has identified a significant number of different user groups to prepare separate communications for pre-go-live. Each user group will have different instructions for how they will prepare for and interact with the new and old payroll and TL system. For example, Group 1 users, non-Group 1 users, Single Sign On (SSO) users, and non-SSO users. Each user group combination may require unique communications, system preparation and go-live instructions. Communications to this many groups could lead to confusion pre- and post-go-live especially if they interact with other employees in different groups who have different instructions. Failure to effectively control these communications could lead to user confusion, reduced user buy-in, increased help desk calls, and negative public perceptions of the project (“bad press”).</p>	Medium
Recommendations		Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the OCM strategy and plan to address challenging user interfaces that includes milestones/gates that get early user feedback to ensure they understand the complex elements of the system.</li> </ul>		In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare a fully vetted communication plan for communications to the various user groups and begin early communications.</li> </ul>		In progress



# IV&V Findings and Recommendations (cont'd)

## M Project Management & Organization

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
9	<b>Risk - Unexpected collective bargaining or legislative changes could lead to unanticipated demands on the project and increased scope:</b> The State Legislature and Unions may make laws or change Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) that could require significant system changes thereby disrupting the project's progress, activities, schedule, and/or budget. These changes to SOH processes could be decided without consideration of impact to the project or providing the project time to react to such changes.	Low
13	<b>Issue - Departments choosing not to participate in the TL project could lead to unnecessary costs to the state as well as project team wasting valuable time to onboard departments who eventually decide to opt-out:</b> If any department chooses to opt-out of the TL project, DAGS must continue support of the gross pay input system (ePCS) that was planned for decommission. IV&V is not aware of budgets, resources, or plans to continue ePCS support beyond TL project completion. Further, departments could initially decide to participate in TL and the project team could expend significant resources preparing for and implementing department specific features only to find out that they will opt-out.	Medium



# IV&V Findings and Recommendations (cont'd)

## M Project Management & Organization (cont'd)

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
14	<p><b>Risk - Communications between the project and central operations groups (primarily HR and Payroll Operations) can be ineffectual which could lead to project delays and cost overruns:</b> IV&amp;V has observed and has also been informed of communication challenges between the Project Team and central operations groups. IV&amp;V was also informed that some business operation plans relevant to the project are not immediately being shared with the project team. Some business operations teams have stated their capacity is constrained due to lack of sufficient resources as well as challenges in filling open positions. However, even simple or basic project communications appear to go unanswered.</p>	Low
15	<p><b>Risk - Key project risks and issues management and escalation processes may not be effective which may result in negative impact to project goals:</b> Some risks and issues currently tracked in the RIOD process may not be actively worked or reported on. For example, the project is currently tracking several risks owned by payroll operations that show little to no progress. The lack of progress may unnecessarily cause a risk to be realized and triggered into an issue that could have lasting negative impacts to the project, when it could have been avoided.</p>	Low
19	<p><b>Issue - COVID-19 State-wide shutdown could hinder project activities and negatively impact the project schedule and budget:</b> On 3/23/2020, the Governor issued a “stay at home, work from home order” that has reduced several departments ability to be fully functional as the large majority of state workers will be required work from home/remotely at least until the end of April and some offices may be completely shut down. Many project department readiness activities could be significantly hindered during this time. For example, leave balances can be paper-based and would require physical access in order to provide the project with accurate leave balances. Departments may be unable (due to stricter shutdown policies) or unwilling to perform these activities during this chaotic time. UAT and Training will more than likely be conducted remotely which could negatively impact these activities. Planned SI on-site visits will also likely be changed to remote.</p>	Medium



# IV&V Findings and Recommendations (cont'd)

## M Project Management & Organization (cont'd)

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closely monitor legislative and union actions and/or initiatives that could impact the project and provide them feedback as needed to ensure informed decisions and clear understanding of impacts to payroll and the time and leave project.</li> </ul>	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner with Unions to clarify CBA rules so that in the end union objectives are met wherever possible within the scope of the Time and Leave project.</li> </ul>	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work closely with departments that are unsure of their TL participation to assist with readiness and collaborate to remove any blocks to their full participation.</li> </ul>	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop contingency plans for the possibility that some departments may not participate in TL.</li> </ul>	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with executive leadership and business operations groups to address the root cause of these communication challenges and prepare a plan/strategy for corrective action.</li> </ul>	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a clear and detailed risk management plan for escalating risks and issues and follow defined escalation steps for risks/issues that are not actively being worked.</li> </ul>	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update the OCM Plan to include any new activities or updates to planned activities to address the impacts of COVID-19.</li> </ul>	In progress





# IV&V Findings and Recommendations (cont'd)

## L Quality Management

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
20	<p><b>Risk – Inadequate release management processes could lead to user confusion and frustration:</b> The project team has stated that existing release management processes may be incomplete and/or lack clear responsible parties for release communications. If release manage procedures are unclear or if the execution of release procedures lack sufficient rigor, this could lead to missteps that could frustrate users and lead to user confusion. This could ultimately lead to reduced user buy-in, reduced departmental leadership (and legislative) project support, and a negative public perception that could be picked up by the local media (aka "bad press").</p>	Low
Recommendations		Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define and document the regression testing plan to ensure that any Time and Leave changes do not have an unexpected negative impact on production Payroll functionality.</li> </ul>		In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assure Time and Leave design and configuration includes consideration for impacts on Payroll, prior to implementing the design or configuration. This may be accomplished, in part, using an effective and integrated configuration management plan.</li> </ul>		In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revisit and clarify existing release management processes and procedures and ensure clear owners of each release activity.</li> </ul>		In progress



# IV&V Status




- **IV&V activities performed during the reporting period:**
  - Attended Scrums
  - Attended PCAB meeting
  - Attended RIO-D meetings
  - Led Project Team Risk Review sessions
  - Led Monthly Status Report review session
- **IV&V next steps in the coming reporting period:**
  - Attend key project meetings
  - Interview key department stakeholders
  - Deliver IV&V Monthly Status Report



# Appendix A – IV&V Criticality Ratings

*This appendix provides the details of each finding and recommendation identified by IV&V. Project stakeholders are encouraged to review the findings and recommendations log details as needed.*

See definitions of Criticality Ratings below:

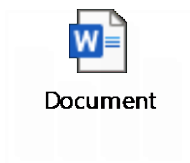
Criticality Rating	Definition
	A high rating is assigned if there is a possibility of substantial impact to product quality, scope, cost, or schedule. A major disruption is likely and the consequences would be unacceptable. A different approach is required. Mitigation strategies should be evaluated and acted upon immediately.
	A medium rating is assigned if there is a possibility of moderate impact to product quality, scope, cost, or schedule. Some disruption is likely and a different approach may be required. Mitigation strategies should be implemented as soon as feasible.
	A low rating is assigned if there is a possibility of slight impact to product quality, scope, cost, or schedule. Minimal disruption is likely and some oversight is most likely needed to ensure that the risk remains low. Mitigation strategies should be considered for implementation when possible.



# Appendix B – IV&V Standard Inputs

To keep abreast of status throughout the Time & Leave project, IV&V regularly:

- **Attends the project meetings**
- **Reviews the project documentation**
- **Utilizes Eclipse IV&V® Base Standards and Checklists**



# Appendix C – IV&V Details

- What is Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V)?
  - Oversight by an independent third party that assesses the project against industry standards to provide an unbiased view to stakeholders
  - The goal of IV&V is to help the State get the solution they want based on requirements and have it built according to best practices
  - IV&V helps improve design visibility and traceability and identifies (potential) problems early
  - IV&V objectively identifies risks and communicates to project leadership for risk management
- PCG IV&V Methodology
  - Consists of a 4-part process made up of the following areas:
    1. **Discovery** – Discovery consists of reviewing documentation, work products and deliverables, interviewing project team members, and determining applicable standards, best practices and tools
    2. **Research and Analysis** – Research and analysis is conducted in order to form an objective opinion.
    3. **Clarification** – Clarification from project team members is sought to ensure agreement and concurrence of facts between the State, the Vendor, and PCG.
    4. **Delivery of Findings** – Findings, observations, and risk assessments are documented in this monthly report and the accompanying Findings and Recommendations log. These documents are then shared with project leadership on both the State and Vendor side for them to consider and take appropriate action on.

Note: This report is a point-in-time document with findings accurate as of the last day in the reporting period.





**Solutions that Matter**

Id	Title / Summary	Finding Description	Analysis and Significance	Recommendation	Updates	Category	Type	Priority	Status	Risk Owner	Identified Date
4	<b>Payroll production support dependence on key Time and Leave Resources</b>	The concurrent DDI and production (M&O) support activities are over burdening Key Time and Leave resources which may degrade quality of work and resources could be unavailable at critical times of the Time and Leave project.	As a matter of best practice when delivering a new service, the service needs to be fully sustainable and self-supporting. For instance, the commonly used Information Technology Information Library (ITIL) practices recommend that the service has a fully functional and staffed post go live support mechanism. This mechanism should not heavily rely on or unnecessarily burden resources or tools dedicated to other projects or services.  Key project time and leave team members remain significantly involved in providing Maintenance and Operations (M&O) support for Payroll Phase 2 solution. At least one key team member reports spending 60% of their time providing help desk support to Payroll. This level of involvement may reduce the availability and degrade work quality of the Phase 2 Time and Leave resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement a transition plan to allow the Time and Leave key resources to share their knowledge while significantly reducing the time spent on providing Payroll support.</li> <li>Accelerate efforts to fully staff and operationalize the Payroll Operations Technical Support Office (TSO) with dedicated resources so that the project team can focus on TL project activities and ensure the TSO is ready to effectively support TL users before Group 2 go-live.</li> </ul>	<p>08/31/2020 - The project has officially transferred full help desk and operation of the Payroll and TL system from the project team to DAGS operations, with the goal of not only freeing up the project team to focus on Group 2 go-live but also to acclimate the DAGS operations to the long term systems support model before the TL project ends and project team support is no longer available. 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IV&amp;V remains concerned that the lack of support staff fully trained in HawaiiPay support issues may cause a degradation of the level of service. However, IV&amp;V also noted project plans to provide training to DAGS that may help to alleviate this concern. The loss of help desk funding has also led to a project decision to turn over DOE password resets to DOE support staff in mid-August 2020. The project estimates that DOE password resets have historically represented the bulk of HIP Service Center support calls. Project team efforts to support the transition of DOE password resets and the help desk will likely take away from some project activities. Further, the project is making a concerted effort to fully turnover operational support activities to DAGS operations (TSO) by the end of August 2020, however, transition efforts have not always been productive, and the TSO may be understaffed to effectively operate the payroll/TL system and the help desk once larger Group 2 goes live. The use of ineffective Tier 3 support resources results in issues that should be handled at tier 1 being transferred to tier 2 and 3 support resources. This has a compound effect of 1) longer resolution times (unhappy users) and 2) diverting tier 2/3 support resources away from their implementation tasks in order to resolve tickets that should be resolved at tier 1. The diversion of tier 2/3 resources away from their implementation tasks can put a strain on the implementation team and implementation schedule.</p> <p>06/30/2020 IV&amp;V noted that the funding for the HIP Service Center has been eliminated. This could force Payroll Operations to staff the Service Center which may add significant delays in responding to issues related to HawaiiPay and Time &amp; Leave. IV&amp;V also noted the lack of fully documented knowledge base may be hindering support efforts and may cause Payroll Operations and TSO staff to re-discover appropriate resolutions to support issues. It remains unclear if the TSO branch is fully engaged in providing ongoing support for both HawaiiPay and Time &amp; Leave.</p>	Knowledge Transfer	Risk	Medium	Open	Ken	8/31/2019
5	<b>Over reliance on a few skilled and overtaxed project resources could lead to significant project disruption</b>	There are currently 3-4 individuals who are relied on to a greater extent than others. Over reliance on key resources can not only overtax and thereby reduce the effectiveness of these key individuals, but also presents a risk of significant project disruption in the event of their departure. Resource losses from the Phase 1 team have not been backfilled and include the loss of the OCM manager and the SI project manager role; their responsibilities have been transferred to existing team members who already appear to be at capacity.	The project currently relies on a few talented, and dedicated resources in leadership roles to drive most project activities and, more importantly, drive project quality, as evidence by their keen attention to minute project activity details. While most projects have this risk, the risk impact for this project, from IV&V's perspective, is higher than most, and while the project could be impacted by the loss of several key individuals, there are 3-4 individuals who are relied on to a greater extent than others. Loss of these individuals could lead to significant project disruption. Over reliance on key resources can not only overtax and thereby reduce the effectiveness of these key individuals, but also presents a risk of significant project disruption in the event of their departure. Attempts by other DAGS divisions to lure project team resources away have been reported, however, most project team members have indicated they are committed to project completion. Failure to staff the project to sufficient levels, thereby stretching them beyond their capacity, can lead to lack of job satisfaction, decreased productivity, decrease in quality, and increases the probably they could make critical mistakes that could negatively impact the project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work quickly to increase state project team resources. Consider re-allocation of responsibilities from key resources, where possible, to transition key resources to supervisory roles which would provide increased capacity for them to perform coaching and quality control, thereby increasing the overall project quality. As responsibilities are transitioned, team members taking on new responsibilities typically have a greater sense of motivation, project ownership and commitment.</li> <li>Develop a initial KM strategy to help ensure project knowledge (tacit and otherwise) is not lost when staff leave the project or state employment.</li> <li>Survey project resources to determine job satisfaction and take appropriate steps to increase retention.</li> <li>Conduct an exit interview for the departed CRT and state project resources and work quickly to address issues that negatively impact project participation and job satisfaction.</li> <li>Develop an approach to expedite succession planning and identify near-term knowledge transfer activities.</li> </ul>	<p>08/31/20 - As of 8/31/20, the project has officially transferred help desk and operation of the Payroll and TL system to DAGS operations, with the goal of freeing up the project team to focus on TL Group 2 implementation activities. The level of effort to implement the larger and more complex Group 2 is expected to be significant. It remains unclear if DAGS operations has capacity or sufficient capabilities to meet DAGS expectations for system operational support without significant reliance on the project team. If DAGS operations is unable to augment their staff prior to Group 2 go-live, the project schedule could be extended and the project budget could increase. Further, the project team is currently slated to kick off another project to replace the State's Financial Management System (FMS) soon after Group 2 go-live.</p> <p>07/31/20 - While the project continues progress in distributing the work of overtaxed key individuals to new additions to the project team, IV&amp;V remains concerned that project team members will assist with transitioning of the currently outsourced help desk to inhouse staff and may be pulled into other ETS projects, which could continue to overtax key individuals. The project team has reported concerns that their participation in these activities could also lead to a decrease in quality of the TL solution implementation. Further, the project team has reported an unexpected significant amount of time being spent on responding to department complaints that the system lacks certain features such as, preventing users from entering inappropriate leave requests. Some of these complaints have been escalated to executive management and therefore the team has been compelled to make additional efforts to respond. IV&amp;V recommends additional communications be sent to stakeholders to manage expectations and to improve understanding of the advantages of limiting features in initial releases of software until all deployments (all groups) are complete.</p> <p>06/30/20 - While the project has made efforts to limit project team members participation in operational support, they continue to be relied on to some extent, which could distract some team members, who are already at capacity, from their project activities. The project continues to work to delegate responsibilities away from overloaded key individuals in order to mitigate this risk. However, PMO resources have been tapped to assist with other ETS initiatives which could increase this risk.</p> <p>05/31/20 - The project continues to leverage the newest team members to reduce the reliance on project resources that could be overtaxed. Additional responsibilities have been given to both the OCM and Testing/Training lead for Group 2</p>	Human Resource Management	Risk	Medium	Open	Michael	8/31/2019

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9	<b>Unexpected collective bargaining or legislative changes could lead to unanticipated demands on the project and increased scope</b>	Changes mandated by Unions or Legislative actions may drive changes to the TL solution thereby impacting the project's scope, schedule, and budget.	The State Legislature and Unions may make laws or change Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) that could require significant system changes thereby disrupting the project's progress, activities, schedule, and/or budget. These laws could change SOH processes without consideration of impact to the project or providing the project time to react to such changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closely track union/legislative actions and legal cases that could impact the T&amp;L project and be proactive in preparation for them.</li> <li>• Initiate early and often discussions with Unions for rule clarifications and general understanding and agreements on how CBA rules will be implemented.</li> </ul>	<p>08/31/20 - No material updates as of this reporting period.</p> <p>07/31/20 - The project has sent memos to unions to explain the successful outcomes of Group 1 and assure that the system is meeting union member expectations and that no payroll standardization complaints have been reported. The project has reported that no new union issues have been reported and that they do not expect union challenges to impact the project in the near future. Therefore, IV&amp;V is lowering this risk priority to 'Low'. The project will continue to monitor for potential impacts of union pay increases and COVID related pay reductions which could require attention of the project team.</p> <p>06/30/20 - The project is preparing memos to be sent to unions to explain the outcomes of Group 1 go-live with the intent to reassure unions that the system is meeting union member expectations and that there have been no reported complaints with regard to standardization of pay calculations. IV&amp;V is not aware of unions raising additional concerns, therefore we have lowered this risk to "Medium".</p> <p>05/31/20 - HGEA has filed a class grievance with DAGS with regard to standardization of pay calculations that could adversely affect its members and therefore objected to the project moving forward with go-live. The project met with HGEA for consultation in October 2019 where no objections were reported; the project has reported HGEA has been largely unresponsive to project communications since then. It remains unclear why HGEA would wait until 2 weeks before go-live to submit a grievance without further consultation and information gathering to clarify the impact to their members. Ultimately, through conversations with the comptroller, the HGEA decided to put their grievance on-hold. However, if the HGEA decides to eventually move forward with the grievance process, impacts to the project could be significant. Possible outcomes could include an injunction that could halt the project or future planned releases or leave the project tied up in legal proceedings. Therefore, IV&amp;V is raising this issue to a "High".</p> <p>04/30/20 - The project continues to assess and prepare for expected changes to the Payroll and TL system due to the COVID crisis and the CARES Act. There are some indications that the state may reduce worker salaries which will require some support from the project team. One union has complained that it is their perception that the project is implement changes that could impact employee salaries. Project leadership has drafted a memo to some unions to clarify that the only changes to payroll will be the result of the consistent and standardized application of existing CBA rules. Some unions remain largely unresponsive to project communications.</p> <p>03/31/20 - The project is in the process of addressing recent changes to leave processing as a result of the government's response to the COVID crisis including addition of new leave types and rules. Early indications are that these changes</p>	Project Organization & Management	Issue	Low	Open	Michael	8/31/2019
13	<b>Departments choosing not to participate in the TL project could lead to unnecessary costs to the state as well as project team wasting valuable time to onboard departments who eventually decide to opt-out.</b>	Departments choosing to opt-out of the TL project will require DAGS to continue to maintain the system for inputting gross pay (ePCS) that was intended to be a temporary solution until TL was implemented. IV&V is not aware if budgets, resources, and plans to continue ePCS support beyond TL project completion have been developed. Further, departments could initially decide to participate in TL and the project team could expend significant resources preparing for and implementing department specific features only to find out that they will opt-out.	Costs to continue to maintain/support ePCS could be significant and already constrained DAGS and project resources may have difficulty maintaining ePCS support. If departments opt-out, a good deal of project team time and effort could be wasted supporting their onboarding and implementing their department specific features. Resources may also need to be expended removing these department specific features. If departments decide at a later date to opt in, a new RFP will likely need to be issued at significant cost to the state and be a significant effort for DAGS. Further, the ongoing workload and costs for both the DAGS operational and project team could be significant given they will now be tasked with maintaining two systems for payroll and may have to contend with the possibility that the two systems could calculate payroll differently. Ultimately, the original expected return on investment (ROI) for the project could be diminished and draw scrutiny from the public and governing bodies (e.g. legislature) and make it difficult to acquire funding for future planned systems (ERP and other).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contingency planning for ePCS maintenance and support should be developed to prepare for the possibility that some departments may not participate in TL.</li> <li>• Work closely with departments that are unsure of their TL participation to assist with readiness and collaborate to remove any blocks to their full participation.</li> <li>• Develop contingency plans for the possibility that some departments may not participate in TL.</li> <li>• Assure that executive leadership is made aware of details of the negative impacts of departments that chose to opt-out.</li> <li>• Initiate efforts to mitigate risks around having 2 payroll systems that may calculate payroll differently.</li> </ul>	<p>08/31/20 - The Executive Governance Committee (EGC) has recently approved excluding HHSC and Judiciary departments from the TL project. While DOE has stated their intention to be onboarded as part of Group 4, it remains unclear if they will be able to meet project defined readiness milestones/gates, and they are currently at risk of being excluded as well. It remains unclear if efforts will be made to onboard excluded departments once the project ends, as part of a separate contract funded by individual departments. It remains unclear if efforts will be made to onboard excluded departments once the project ends, as part of a separate contract, or where the funding would come from.</p> <p>07/31/20 - The project reported the remaining 3 departments that have yet to fully opt-in for this project have made conditional opt-in proposals that the project may not be able to feasibly accommodate. Project leadership intends to engage the executive steering committee to decision these opt-in proposals. The project reports that DOE communications continue to be less than optimal. Given the significant level of effort to onboard a department of DOE's size, uncertainty around a DOE opt-in agreement could be impactful.</p> <p>06/30/20 - DOE has yet to respond to project communications with regard to opt-in requirements and clarification of potential go-live dates. HHSC and Judiciary have yet to officially opt-in for the project. The project has sent communications indicating a 7/17/2020 deadline for opting-in.</p> <p>05/31/20 - The Judiciary department and HHSC have yet to opt-in for the project. The project has provided formal and clear communication to DOE that details required readiness activities for them to be included in group 3 or 4 go-live. DOE has yet to respond.</p> <p>04/30/20 - Judiciary has not provided a clear opt-in/out decision to the project and may assume they will opt-out if no further direction is given. However, this should not materially impact the project at this point as the project team has paused Judiciary onboarding efforts.</p> <p>03/31/20 - UH has indicated they will opt-out of the TL project and pursue their own in-house TL system. DOE has indicated they would like to pursue an opt-in but will need to plan for a group rollout that does not conflict with the beginning of their school year. Planned DAGS opt-in/out discussions with DOE as well as some other departments have been postponed due to the COVID crisis.</p> <p>02/29/20 - Project executive leadership continues to work with some departments that are considering an opt-out of the TL project to solidify their decisions. The project is weighing their options with regard to whether a Group 4 release is needed if departments currently slated for Group 4 decide to opt-out. The project is in discussions with the SI with</p>	Project Organization & Management	Issue	Medium	Open	Michael	9/30/2019



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14	<b>Communications between the project and central operations groups (primarily HR and Payroll Operations) can be ineffectual which could lead to project delays and cost overruns.</b>	While the project has demonstrated productive communications with state line agencies (departments), primarily due to the department mentor strategy, IV&V has observed and has also been informed of communication challenges between the Project Team and central operations business units (primarily HR and Payroll Operations). IV&V was also informed that some business operation plans relevant to the project are not immediately being shared with the project team. Some business operations teams have stated their capacity is constrained due to lack of sufficient resources as well as challenges in filling open positions. However, even simple or basic project communications appear to go unanswered.	Central operation groups failure to fully engage and effectively communicate with the TL project team can slow project team productivity, leave important questions (guidance) unanswered, and result in a system that does not effectively meet business needs which could ultimately lead to project delays and disrupt business operations and users post-go live. The SI has already indicated that project delays will incur additional cost and may require additional state funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with executive leadership and central operations groups to address the root cause of these communication challenges and prepare a plan/strategy for corrective action.</li> <li>• Log unresponsive communications in order to provide stakeholders with a clear understanding of the extent of communication deficiencies. Escalate to executive leadership where appropriate.</li> <li>• Work with HR and Payroll Operations (PO) to identify an appropriate resource from their departments and integrate them into the project team. This highly capable and productive single point of contact would ideally own their department/division activities and risks and would work within their department to ensure project tasks are completed in a timely manner and department needs are clearly identified and communicated to the project.</li> </ul>	<p>08/31/20 - Some Project/Payroll Operations communication challenges continue but the PO Liaison continues to make efforts to improve important communications and collaboration. DHRD communication continue to be productive, however, discussions around removal of DHRD position management customizations may need to be escalated.</p> <p>07/31/20 - There remains some uncertainty around the longterm sustainability of the Payroll Operations (PO) liaison position. As previously reported, the addition of this position has improved project communications with the projects business sponsor (PO). The project continues productive DHRD communications and is progressing in efforts to remove DHRD customizations that could reduce the sustainability of the system and productivity of future enhancements.</p> <p>06/30/20 - The project and DHRD appear to have established regular, responsive, and productive communications. Payroll Operations (PO) liaison replacement appears to be providing a similar level of support as the previous liaison and project/PO communications appear to be adequate.</p> <p>05/31/20 - The project is currently working to establish productive communications with DHRD with regard to opportunities to improve system stability and functionality by backing out some DHRD PeopleSoft customizations. Some of these customizations were implemented as work arounds that may no longer be necessary due to recent improvements to the system. IVV had previously noted improvements to project/Payroll Operations communications due to the addition of a PO liaison. However, this liaison has gone on an extended (~12-week) leave and is being replaced. IVV will continue to monitor for productive communications. Efforts to fully staff the TSO could be further hindered by a recent Legislative decision to "sweep" vacant positions. This sweep could also impact funding for the existing HIP Service Center as it draws funding from vacant position savings; the existing contract expires in August 2020. DAGS Accounting department has posted a solicitation for the post-August HIP Service Center contract; however, funding may not be available.</p> <p>04/30/20 - The project/DHRD communications continue to improve. Project/Payroll Operations communications appear to be sufficient mostly due to the efforts of the established Payroll Operations liaison resource that facilitates better communications between the 2 groups.</p> <p>03/31/20 - The project continues to report productive project/DHRD communications, however, the project has reported that some project/Payroll Operations communication challenges continue. Project leadership has stated that communications thus far are sufficient to meet project needs, therefore, IV&amp;V has reduced this risk to a "Low".</p> <p>02/29/20 - The project has reported some productive project/DHRD collaborative sessions. However, the project has</p>	Project Organization & Management	Risk	Low	Open	Michael	9/30/2019
15	<b>Key project risks and issues management and escalation processes may not be effective which may result in negative impact to project goals.</b>	Some risks and issues currently tracked in the RIOD process may not be actively worked or reported on. For example, the project is currently tracking several risks owned by payroll operations that show little to no progress. The lack of progress may unnecessarily cause a risk to be triggered into an issue that could have lasting negative impacts to the project.	Although the project actively and appropriately recognizes, tracks and monitors risks and issues. Some risks assigned to non-project resources are not showing consistent updates or progress. It is unclear if the project has formally escalated this lack of progress, based on good risk management practices, or if escalation has proved to be ineffective. IV&V will continue to monitor the risk and issues management process to help assure regular updates to the current status of the action items associated to these risks as well as if any escalation has been formally requested.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a clear and detailed risk management plan for escalating risks and issues and follow defined escalation steps for risks/issues that are not actively being worked.</li> <li>• Monitor risks and issues by severity and due date in order to ensure RIOD meetings focus on the most critical items.</li> <li>• Track critical path tasks and report (early and often) to tasks owners when due dates appear to be at risk.</li> </ul>	<p>08/31/2020 Although concerns remain regarding risks that require escalation beyond the project, the project has thus far demonstrated a continuing ability to manage these risks in an effective manner. Still, IV&amp;V remains concerned that the OCR solution has not been finalized and changes in the OCR vendor business structure could cause further delays and impact some departments ability to go-live on time. The Public Safety Department (PSD) has a significant amount of paper documents they are expecting to scan and OCR in preparation for go-live, however, if OCR solution delays continue, they may have to come up with a contingency plan if they are intending to meet project deadlines for Group 2 go-live.</p> <p>07/31/2020 The project reported progress related to the OCR procurement. Although, this progress helps to alleviate the concern related to this procurement, IV&amp;V remains concerned that delays in resolving project risks and issues, that have been escalated, may cause unnecessary additional work for the project team and potentially departments and agencies waiting to go live in group 2 and beyond.</p> <p>06/30/2020 IV&amp;V noted that although a risk related to the lack of approval of an OCR solution has been documented for some time, there are continuing delays in approving the OCR solution. It remains unclear if additional escalation steps would aid the resolution of this risk. The lack of this approval may cause departments to delay providing leave balances required for Group 2 go live in a timeline manner. IV&amp;V continues to recommend that all risks that require escalation beyond the project team, be followed up on no less than weekly.</p> <p>05/31/2020 IV&amp;V noted concerns that the project's ability to manage risks may be affected by the diminished capacity and availability of key project leaders and sponsors due to managing the impacts of COVID in their organization; this could worsen if the state enacts staff furloughs and further cuts their budgets.</p> <p>04/30/2020 IV&amp;V noted continuing improvement in overall risk management. Key risks related to Service Center RFP, SSO, FHB Clearing Account, TSO branch staffing and others that may be beyond the control of project resources, are being successfully addressed. Executive leadership capacity to manage future escalated risks and issues may potentially be limited due to increased workload related to COVID.</p> <p>03/31/2020 IV&amp;V noted that efforts to resolve the risks related to SSO are under way. Weekly calls between the CISO and CIO appear to be making progress.</p> <p>02/29/20 - The project has noted continuing SSO initiative delays. Attempts to escalate have not always achieved timely results. However, IV&amp;V remains unclear whether there are significant "behind-the-scenes" efforts underway to resolve</p>	Project Organization & Management	Risk	Low	Open	Ken	9/30/2019

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18	<b>Complexity of communications to end-users could lead to confusion at go-live and overwhelm the help desk</b>	The project has identified a significant number of different user groups to prepare separate communications for pre-go-live. Each user group will have different instructions for how they will prepare for and interact with the new and old payroll and TL system. For example, Group 1 users, non-Group 1 users, Single Sign On (SSO) users, and non-SSO users. Each user group combination may require unique communications and system preparation and go-live instructions.	Communications to this many groups could lead to confusion pre- and post-go-live as they interact with other employees in different groups who have different instructions. Failure to effectively control these communications could lead to user confusion, reduced user buy-in, increased help desk calls, and negative public perceptions of the project ("bad press").	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project work quickly to prepare a fully vetted communication plan specifically for these communications.</li> <li>Project implement a strategy of "over-communication" to assure clear and effective communication to the various user groups.</li> <li>Project implement a strategy for validating a proper and clear understanding of user group instructions pre-go-live and adjust communications based on feedback.</li> <li>Project explore sending communications to non-Group 1 users to assure their understanding and clarify possible points of confusion.</li> </ul>	<p>08/31/20 - The project is preparing to send communication kits to Group 2 departments that they will be able to easily modify to send to their users. Project efforts to standardize and simplify end user communications should improve the clarity and quality of user communications as well as improve overall project Organizational Change Management (OCM). Other planned OCM activities include virtual town hall meetings at the end of September and planned distribution of system Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) which should improve stakeholder awareness and effective operation of the new system. The project is preparing contingencies in the event DAGS Operations is unable to fully staff their help desk, which could push help desk support to the departments.</p> <p>07/31/20 - The project reports ongoing progress of OCM activities including creation of pre-go-live communication packages and documentation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for all department stakeholders. SOP's provide guidance on how to perform TL/Payroll related tasks and prepares departments that have yet to go-live for what to expect. Project department mentors will be conducting preview sessions of system functionality to prepare departments for go-live. The project reported positive feedback from recent security sessions intended to improve departments understanding of system security.</p> <p>06/30/20 - OCM activities continue as the project prepares for a 12/1/2020 Group 2 go-live. They are currently planning a conference call with all departments to help increase understanding of system security. The project is actively working on OCM plan updates.</p> <p>05/31/20 - Post go-live feedback has been mostly positive and OCM communications appear to be effective. The project is addressing some reports of user frustration but have assessed this may be due to users not taking advantage of training and other support options or may have missed project emails. The project is making efforts to revise their training plan and materials based on stakeholder feedback and lessons learned from Group 1. Opportunities for improvement included finding ways to engage users during training to include more process/procedure context (TL controls, policies, deadlines), instead of just system navigation. The project is considering taking over training for the SI and swapping this scope of work for other SI system enhancements.</p> <p>04/30/20 - As the project prepares for May Group 1 go-live, the project appears to be making good progress with their</p>	Organizational Change Management	Risk	Medium	Open	Michael	1/31/2020
19	<b>COVID-19 State-wide shutdown has hindered project activities and negatively impact the project schedule and budget</b>	On 3/23/2020, the Governor issued a "stay at home, work from home order" that has reduced several departments ability to be fully functional as the large majority of state workers will be required work from home/remotely at least until the end of April and some offices may be completely shut down.	Many project department readiness activities could be significantly hindered during this time. For example, leave balances can be paper-based and would require physical access in order to provide the project with accurate leave balances. Departments may be unable (due to stricter shutdown policies) or unwilling to perform these activities during this chaotic time. UAT and Training will more than likely be conducted remotely which could negatively impact these activities. Planned SI on-site visits will also likely be changed to remote.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify departments that are able/willing to participate in Group 1 deployment and complete Group 1 readiness activities and assign them to Group 1 deployment.</li> <li>Ramp up efforts to encourage and assist departments to become highly functional with remote access technology (e.g. MS Teams/Skype), as UAT and Training will more than likely be conducted remotely.</li> <li>Update the OCM Plan to include any new activities or updates to planned activities to address the impacts of COVID-19.</li> <li>Send broad communications to stakeholders to assure clear understanding of changes to the project with this regard as well as clarifying communications as to what will remain the same.</li> <li>Assess stakeholders effectiveness in relying on remote access.</li> </ul>	<p>08/31/20 - Project leadership continues to assess potential impacts of COVID-19 including budget reduction measures that may include furloughs.</p> <p>07/31/20 - The project continues to make preparations to transition the current contractor staffed help desk to existing department resources. Planning efforts for virtual testing and training continue.</p> <p>06/30/20 - Recent budget cuts due to COVID-19 will likely lead to the loss of the outsourced staffing for the HIP Service Center. DAGS has indicated they will make preparations to staff the service center with existing staff. It remains unclear whether DAGS efforts will be able to adequately staff the service center and maintain quality of service, as well as manage their other normal duties. DAGS service center staff may rely on the project team to assist them with training and ongoing assistance with resolving tickets.</p> <p>The SI has indicated they have postponed planned travel for onsite work due to COVID, until just before Group 2 go-live. The SI appears to be managing virtual (off-site) work thus far with no known ill-effects or reduction in work quality.</p> <p>05/31/20 - The state legislature is currently contemplating implementing 1-2 day/week furloughs as well as salary cuts for state workers to make up for budget shortfalls due to COVID. Payroll/TL support teams are making preparations to implement these changes in the payroll system if needed. The project is preparing contingency plans for ensuring they can keep project cadence and meet planned go-live dates. However, the project is also preparing for a possible schedule slippage and a contract extension in the event they are unable to keep existing planned go-live dates. The project has appealed for a furlough exemption for the project team through a budget impact statement with the rationale that it would likely cost more in long run to extend the contract than they would save from furloughing the project team. Other legislative budget cutting measure include the state-wide "sweep" or elimination of vacant positions. Not only will this further hinder efforts to fully staff the TSO (Payroll/TL system operational technical support office) but this sweep could also impact funding for the existing HIP Service Center as this contract is being funded by vacant position savings. The existing contract expires in August 2020. DAGS Accounting department has posted a solicitation for the post-August HIP Service Center contract, however, because of this, funding may not be available. The project has speculated that pay cuts could lead to some project team members to retire and leave the project scrambling to replace them and could lead to a permanent loss of institutional knowledge. The Project team has reported that they are already working overtime to ensure the project stays on track and systems run smoothly; this may not be sustainable.</p> <p>04/30/20 - The project appears to be making progress in addressing the impacts of this crisis. Efforts are being made to assure stakeholders are proficient with remote (work from home) tools. They also sent a survey to stakeholders to</p>	Project Organization & Management	Issue	Medium	Open	Michael	3/30/2020
20	<b>Inadequate release management processes could lead to user confusion and frustration</b>	The payroll system recently implemented a new PeopleSoft platform organization structure for some departments as part of a cleanup effort prior to TL system Group 1 go-live. Changes such as these typically involve extensive communications to users that rely on this structure for maintaining their HR records. However, thorough communications and instructional documents were not sent to users prior to implementing this change in the system. Several users complained to DHRD and then to DAGS when they were surprised to find these changes have been made. Other stakeholders have previously stated their perception that, at times, changes are made to the payroll system without sufficient notification. The project team has stated that existing release management processes may be incomplete and/or lack clear responsible parties for release communications.	HawaiiPay (payroll system) and TL system currently share the same release management processes and personnel. If release manage procedures are unclear or if the execution of release procedures lack sufficient rigor, this could lead to mistakes that could frustrate users and lead to user confusion. This could ultimately lead to reduced user buy-in, reduced departmental leadership (and legislative) project support, and a negative public perception that could be picked up by the local media (aka "bad press").	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revisit and clarify existing release management processes and procedures and ensure clear owners of each release activity.</li> </ul>	<p>08/31/2020 IV&amp;V remains concerned that the lack of documentation of clearly defined release management policy and processes could add unnecessary risk during critical updates.</p> <p>07/31/2020 IV&amp;V did not note any issues related to releasing new functionality or configuration changes into the HawaiiPay T&amp;L solution. However, IV&amp;V did not note any progress in developing and documenting release management procedures. IV&amp;V remains concerned that a lack of clearly documented processes could cause unnecessary support concerns and delayed user acceptance of the changed functionality or configuration.</p> <p>06/30/2020 As noted previously, IV&amp;V continues to recommend that processes, procedures, responsibilities related to release management be fully documented, reviewed and approved by all parties involved in production updates to the HawaiiPay and TL solution.</p> <p>05/31/2020 IV&amp;V noted that although defects related to the Payroll functionality were reported, no significant impact, related to change control processes were reported. IV&amp;V continues to recommend controls to ensure all steps and communications required for new solution release are completed and documented prior to the release of new system features to the end user population.</p> <p>04/30/2020 IV&amp;V noted that it remains unclear if sufficient controls, related to Release Management, are in place to ensure that all the prerequisites, communications and training have been executed successfully prior to the release of new functionality or configuration changes.</p>	Quality Management	Risk	Low	Open	Ken	3/30/2020