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Public Deposit Protection Commission

2024 Report

November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2024

A report to the Legislature providing an update on recent events, responses, and issues related to modernizing and improving the protection of public deposits in the state of Washington.

Executive Summary

Washington law, [RCW 43.08.300](#), requires the State Treasurer to report annually to the Legislature on actions taken by the Public Deposit Protection Commission (PDPC) and the Treasurer regarding public deposit protection. Reports from 2019 to present are available on the [PDPC webpage](#). Reports from 2009 to 2018 are available upon request.

This 2024 report is an update on events and actions taken since November 2023, when the last report was published. During this period:

- Washington’s public depositaries continue to provide secure banking services for state and local government entities.
- No financial institutions serving government depositors were closed.
- Three public depositary banks were acquired by other institutions.
- Two new financial institutions were approved to act as public depositaries in their Washington branches.
- One financial institution terminated its status as a public depositary.
- One new trustee was approved to perform collateral safekeeping for qualified public depositaries.

As of October 31, 2024, 54 PDPC banks and 23 PDPC credit unions held about \$11.3 billion in public deposits.

Deposits

As of October 31, 2024, about four percent of the \$11.1 billion in public deposits at the PDPC banks were insured, with the remainder protected by pledges of additional collateral. The \$253.2 million in public deposits at the PDPC credit unions were either insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) or secured by collateral.

Closures

State and federal regulators did not close any public depositary banks or credit unions located in Washington during this period.

Mergers and Acquisitions

During this period, three of Washington's public depository banks were acquired by another institution and continued as public depositories. The dates of acquisition and involved financial institutions were:

- January 31, 2024: Glacier Bank (Kalispell, Montana) acquired Wheatland Bank (Spokane, Washington)
- February 29, 2024: Washington Federal Bank (Seattle, Washington) acquired Luther Burbank Savings (Santa Rosa, California)
- May 16, 2024: Harborstone Credit Union (Lakewood, Washington) acquired First Sound Bank (Seattle, Washington)

Other Changes

Two financial institutions were approved to act as public depositories in their Washington branches during this period:

- October 14, 2024: Harborstone Credit Union (Lakewood, Washington)
- October 14, 2024: Sunflower Bank, National Association (Dallas, Texas)

One financial institution requested and was approved to terminate its status as a public depository:

- May 15, 2024: Seattle Bank (Seattle, Washington)

Trustee Changes

During this period, one new entity was approved to protect uninsured public deposits as a trustee for public depositories:

- October 18, 2024: Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (Dallas, Texas)

Public Deposit Protection Commission

Since the last PDPC annual report, the Commission met once on June 13, 2024. At the meeting, the Chair and PDPC Administrator updated the Commission regarding a letter of authorization issued by the Chair authorizing the termination of public depository status of a financial institution in accordance with Resolution 2018–3.

No resolutions were adopted this period.

Looking Ahead

The Office of the State Treasurer continues to work with state and federal regulators to keep up with changing conditions in public depositories to ensure the safety and soundness of public funds on deposit at banks and credit unions.