

## 2017-101 AUDIT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

### Concealed Weapon Licenses

The audit by the California State Auditor will provide independently developed and verified information related to concealed weapon licenses issued by licensing authorities in Sacramento County, San Diego County, and one other county over the past three fiscal years, and will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Review and evaluate the laws, rules, and regulations significant to the audit objectives.
2. Identify the number of new, renewed, and amended concealed carry weapon licenses issued, the number of denied licenses, and the number of licenses revoked each year.
3. Determine whether the licensing authorities are consistently following existing laws and enforcing their processes for concealed carry weapons licensing in their county, including:
  - a. Issuing licenses in accordance with state law's requirements.
  - b. Collecting adequate evidence to demonstrate "good cause" and an individual's "good moral character."
  - c. Enforcing the license program by revoking concealed-carry weapons licenses upon receiving notification that the license holder became ineligible.
4. Determine, to the extent possible, whether the factors licensing authorities consider before issuing a license should be expanded in state law. For example, determine whether there is a need to clarify the statutory "good cause" requirement.
5. Compare and contrast fiscal information about the concealed-carry program across licensing authorities. At each licensing authority, determine:
  - a. The licensing authority's budget and costs for processing concealed-carry weapons licenses and enforcing the license program.
  - b. The amount of fees charged and collected.
  - c. Whether the fees the licensing authority charges and collects comply with state law, including the degree to which licensing authority fees were increased and whether the licensing authority's fees increased at a rate that exceeded the California Consumer Price Index.
  - d. Whether the licensing process had an operating surplus or deficit and, if applicable, how the program was subsidized as well as any associated fiscal impact on county budgets.
6. Review and assess any other issues that are significant to the audit.