



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
DIVISION OF BANKS

P.O. Box 41200 • Olympia, Washington 98504-1200  
Telephone (360) 902-8704 • TDD (360) 664-8126 • FAX (360) 704-6904 • <http://dfi.wa.gov/banks>

December 26, 2014

**TO:** Chief Executive Officers of Washington State Banks

**FROM:** Susan Dumontet, Chief of Supervision and Enforcement

**RE:** CSBS Emerging Payments Task Force Requests Public Comment

Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) has been among the forefront of state regulators when it comes to developing an understanding of emerging payment systems such as virtual currencies, mobile payment developments, and other technological innovations. DFI has been working with developers of these systems to establish and implement sound regulatory standards and practices within existing law (and to recommend changes in law or regulation where applicable) that protect businesses and consumers while not unnecessarily impeding the development of new technologies that improve existing payment systems or create alternative payment systems.

In response to recent increase of time spent by state regulators regarding payment issues, the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) has established the Emerging Payments Task Force. This Task Force includes Washington State DFI Director, Scott Jarvis, along with eight other state banking regulators.

A main priority of the Task Force is transparency, clarity and consistency regarding state licensing and virtual currency. The goal is a supervisory structure that encourages innovation and consistent regulatory approaches while still maintaining safety and soundness, marketplace stability, and consumer protection. The Task Force has announced ([CSBS press release](#)) a draft model regulatory framework on which they would appreciate public comment. Division of Banks encourages Washington State chartered banks to submit public comments on the draft model regulatory framework through the following links before the deadline February 16, 2015.

Draft Model Regulatory Framework:

<http://csbs.informz.net/csbs/data/images/Communications/CSBS%20Draft%20Model%20Regulatory%20Framework%20for%20Virtual%20Currency%20Proposal%20--%20Dec.%2016%202014.pdf>

Directions to submit public comment:

<http://www.csbs.org/regulatory/ep/Pages/framework.aspx>