

Dozens of California employees getting 2 state paychecks

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California state workers in nearly a dozen departments hold both a salaried position and another hourly-wage position in-house, according to new government payroll data.

Several hundred managers, supervisors and others in non-hourly jobs also have a rank-and-file position, according to the State Controller's Office. The numbers confirm CalPERS officials' assertion that it wasn't the only department using "additional appointments."

The \$265 billion fund came under criticism for the practice after a *Bee* report that 50 managers and other salaried workers with technical skills had been tapped by CalPERS to receive extra pay for handling computer system and customer service backlogs.

After lawmakers said they were concerned about CalPERS' policy, the fund suspended it, saying that sensationalized media coverage about its business decision was a distraction from its mission. CalPERS says the program was its cheapest option and had saved an estimated \$1.6 million in costs since it started in June 2011.

The *Bee* has called several departments on the controller's list and the California Department of Human Resources, which acts as the state's labor relations branch. None has spoken on the record yet.