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With the -1 amendment, the tracking system in DAS makes sense. Section 2 (with regard to training for workplace investigations) doesn't seem like a best fit at DAS. I would recommend looking at the "Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers" at DCBS as a model for supporting agency staff who do investigations.

An Ombuds model can also provide workers with resources to get support and provide additional scrutiny for areas of concern that don't rise to the level of formal complaints and investigations. For vulnerable workers, contingent workers, essential workers under pressure, apprentices, and interns, an Ombuds office for Oregon workers that is expanded beyond the statutes enforced by DCBS could be a better use of limited funds.