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#### The Effect of Human Resources Capacity, Use of Information Technology, and Internal Control Systems on Reliability and Timeliness of Financial Statements Submission (Empirical Evidence from Pekanbaru City Regional Organization)

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**Abstract:** This study aims to examine the effect of human resource capacity, utilization of information and technology, and internal control on reliability and timeliness of financial reporting. This study used a sample of 129 respondents from organization of Regional Device in Pekanbaru Region. The hypotheses testing with multiple analysis regression and the statistical program that used is SPSS 25. Our findings show that human resource, utilization of information and technology, and internal control system are positive significantly the reliability and timeliness of financial reporting.

*Keywords*: Human Resource Capacity, Utilization of Information and Technology, Internal Control System, Reliability, Timeliness of Financial Reporting.

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		Ν	Min	Max	Mean	St. Dev
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	PTI	102	31,00	45,00	38,46	2,63
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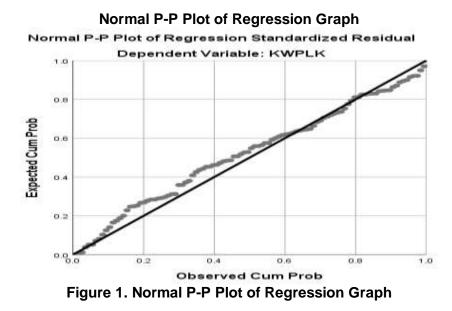
#### Result and Discussion

Descriptive statistical analysis provides information about the variable data used in the study, including the mean, maximum value, minimum value and standard deviation.

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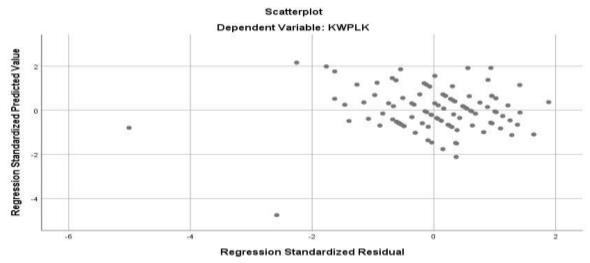
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Unstandarized Residual				
Ν		102		
Normal	Mean	0,000000		
Parameters	St. Dev	2,58960814		
Most Extreme	Absolute	0,087		
Differences	Positive	0,056		
	Negative	-0,087		
Test Statistic	-	0,087		
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Based on the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test table above, it is known that the asymp value. sig. (2-tailed) is greater than 0.05. Then, based on the normal p-p plot regression graph it is known that the data points have followed and spread in the direction of the diagonal line. Thus, the data in the regression model of this study have been normally distributed.

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Model	Tolerance	VIF			
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#### Figure 2. Scatter Plot Graph

Based on the picture above, it can be seen that there is no particular pattern in the graph presented. Thus, it was concluded that there was no heteroscedasticity in this study.

Table 4. Autocorrelation Test Results				
	Durbin Watson	dL	dU	4-dU
Predictors: (Constant) KSDM, PTI, SPI	2,111	1,5969	1,7596	2,2404
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Table 5. Regression Analysis Results					
Model		andarized efficients	Standarized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	В	Std. Error	Beta	_	-
(Constant)	6,423	4,866		1,320	0,190
Human Resource Capacity	0,218	0,077	0,282	2,836	0,005
Use of Information Technology	0,319	0,114	0,277	2,806	0,006
Internal Control System	0,162	0,074	0,189	2,188	0,031

Based on the table above, the research regression equation can be obtained as follows:

#### Y = 6.423 + 0.218X1 + 0.319X2 + 0.162X3

The explanation of the equation is as follows: A constant value of 6.423 indicates that without the influence of human resource capacity, utilization of information technology and

internal control systems is considered constant, the reliability and timeliness of financial statement submission is 6.423. The value of the regression coefficient of human resource capacity is 0.218, indicating that for each increase in human resource capacity by one unit and other variables are constant, the reliability and timeliness of financial statement submission will increase by 0.218. The regression coefficient of information technology utilization is 0.319, indicating that every time there is an increase in the use of information technology by one unit and other variables are constant, the reliability and timeliness of the delivery of financial statements will increase by 0.319. The regression coefficient of the internal control system is 0.162, indicating that every time an internal control system increases by one unit and the other variables are constant, the reliability and timeliness of the submission of financial statements will increase by 0.162.

Table 6. Coefficient of Determination					
R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate		
.528 <sup>a</sup>	0.279	0.257	2.62895		

Based on the table above, it is known that the value of R2 in this study is 0.279. This value indicates that the ability of all independent variables in explaining the dependent variable is 27.9%, while the rest is explained by other variables not examined in this study.

Table 7. Hypothesis Test Results				
Model	Stzd.Coeff.	4	Sig.	
Woder	Beta	— ι		
(Constant)		1,320	0,190	
Human Resource	0,282	2,836	0,005	
Capacity	0,282	2,030	0,003	
Use of Information	0,277	2,806	0,006	
Technology	0,211	2,000	0,000	
Internal Control	0,189	2,188	0,031	
Systems	0,109	2,100	0,001	

Based on the testing that has been done, the t-count value is 2,836 and the significance value is 0,005. Based on the criteria, it can be concluded that the capacity of human resources affects the reliability and timeliness of financial statement submission.

When human resources in an agency or organization has good quality and competence, then this situation will make members of the organization able to do their duties and functions properly, especially those responsible for preparing financial statements. Because, to produce reliable financial reports and timely delivery of financial reports requires competent and competent human resources in the fields of accounting, finance and organization.

Such competence and quality will encourage all parties involved in the preparation of financial statements to carry out their duties and functions properly and on time. When all parties involved in the preparation of the financial statements have sufficient competence, the resulting financial statements will become more reliable and can submit their financial statements in a timely manner. The results are in line with Yadnya (2017) and Nurdiansyah (2018) who found that human resource capacity has a positive and significant effect on the reliability and timeliness of financial statement submission.

Based on the testing that has been done, the t-value is 2.806 and significance value is 0.005. Based on the criteria, it can be concluded that the use of information technology affects the reliability and timeliness of financial statement submission.

Optimal use of information technology in government organizations will be able to simplify the process of preparing financial statements and can reduce the risk of human error so as to improve the quality and fairness of financial statements. In addition, information technology can also expedite all activities related to the preparation of financial statements so that they can complete and submit financial reports in a timely manner. The results of this study are in line with the results of the research of Ramadan (2016) and Yusuf (2016) who found that the use of information technology has a positive effect on the reliability and timeliness of financial statement submission.

Based on the testing that has been done, the t-value is 2,188 and the significance value is 0,005. Based on the criteria, it can be concluded that the internal control system influences the reliability and timeliness of financial statement submission.

A good and adequate internal control system will help and encourage each member of his organization to work according to their respective duties and functions. Thus, each member correctly understands what tasks and responsibilities should be done and not done, especially in preparing financial statements. This will make the information presented in the financial statements more reliable and trustworthy.

The existence of a good and adequate internal control system, the parties involved in the process of preparing the financial statements will also work more efficiently because they already know their respective roles and functions. As a result, the financial statements will be able to be prepared and completed in accordance with the predetermined time targets and in the end, the delivery of financial statements can be done in a timely manner.

The results of this study are in line with the results of research conducted by Arsini (2017) and Yadnya (2017) which show that the internal control system has a positive effect on the reliability and timeliness of financial statement submission.

## Conclusion

Based on the results of tests that have been carried out, we get the following conclusions: Human resource capacity is proven to have a positive effect on the reliability and timeliness of financial statement submission. The use of information technology has proven to have a positive effect on the reliability and timeliness of financial statement submission. The internal control system has been proven to have an effect on the reliability and timeliness of the submission of financial statements.

## Suggestion

Based on the above limitations, suggestion can be given as follows: Future research, can combine interview methods when collecting data through questionnaires. So, researchers will be able to understand the problem complexity of the problem and explain the purpose of the study to respondents. Future studies can add other variables that might better explain the reliability and timeliness of the delivery of financial statements. For local government organizations (OPD), especially in Pekanbaru Region, can make the results of this study a literature and source of information in the context of evaluation, especially regarding how human resource capacity, technology utilization, internal control systems, and the reliability and timeliness of this research as a literature in developing policies, laws and regulations related to the objects and topics being studied.

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