

ABSTRACT**THE EFFECT OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL REPORTS (LKPD) ON THE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION (In Sumatra 2018-2021)**

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The purpose of the study was to empirically prove the effect of transparency and accountability in local government financial reports. The research utilized secondary data obtained from the Audit Reports (LHP) of BPK RI, which includes audit opinions, weaknesses in the internal control system, and non-compliance with statutory regulations to examine the influence of accountability in local government financial reports. Transparency testing was conducted on 10 regencies and cities in Sumatra, which can be sourced from the official websites of provincial governments in Sumatra. This study employed a purposive sampling method, where samples were taken based on specific criteria. Provinces without corruption case data in the annual reports from Indonesia Corruption Watch (ICW) were excluded from the sample. The result indicated that the transparency and accountability of local government reports did not affect the level of government corruption in Sumatra. This finding needs to be re-evaluated by adding variables or expanding the sample further.

Keywords: *Transparency, Accountability (opinions, weaknesses in the internal control system, non-compliance with statutory regulations), Corruption, Government.*

