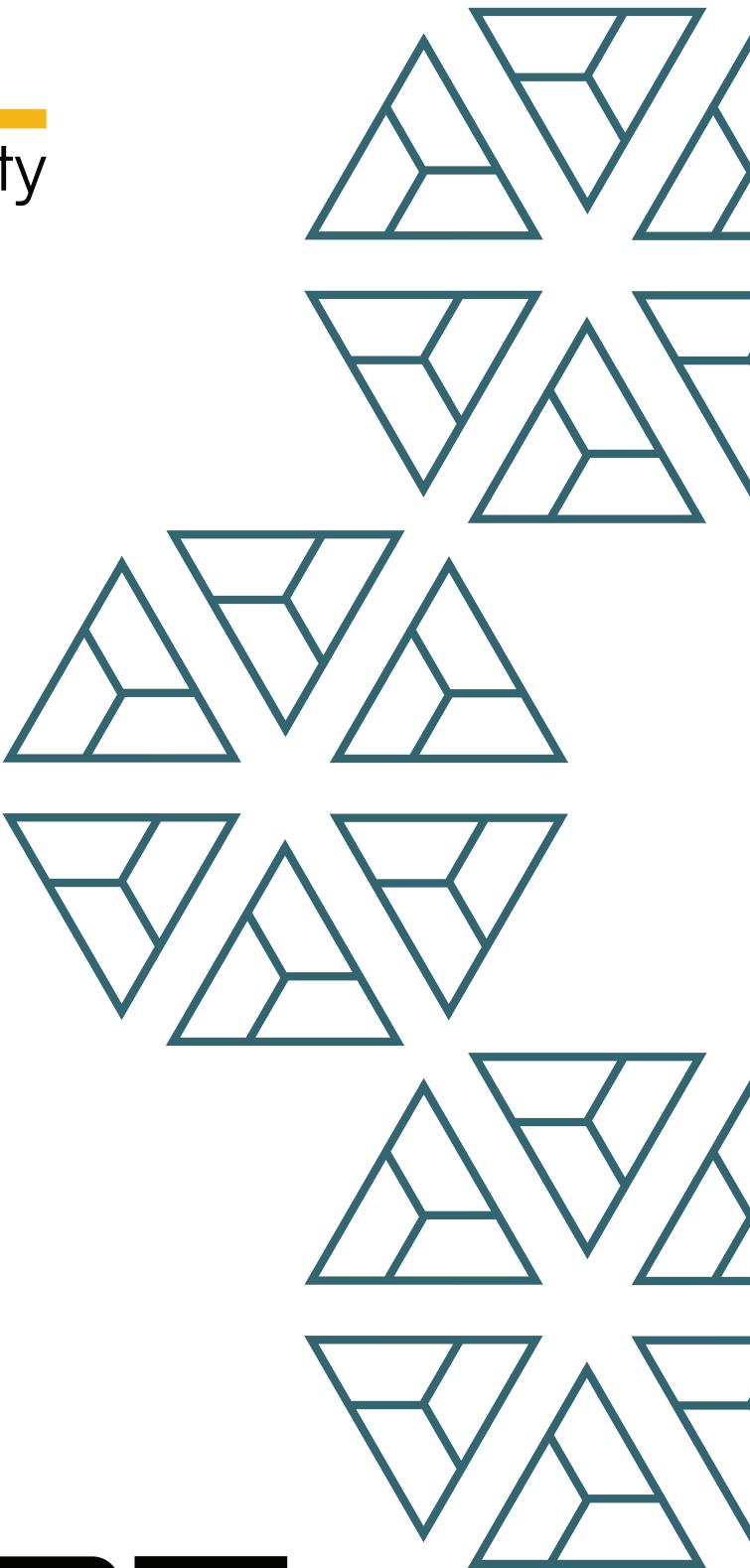




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# **FINAL REPORT**

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### Important:

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Project	Kelp Dao – Core – Differential - Audit Report
Website	<a href="http://kerneldao.com">kerneldao.com</a>
Language	Solidity
Methods	Manual Analysis
Github repository	<a href="https://github.com/Kelp-DAO/KelpDAO-contracts/tree/5d930ddffffd3f7a3fcd763f88d5b2fb13b112a">https://github.com/Kelp-DAO/KelpDAO-contracts/tree/5d930ddffffd3f7a3fcd763f88d5b2fb13b112a</a>
Resolution 1	<a href="https://github.com/Kelp-DAO/KelpDAO-contracts/tree/2db8d320b798c9d11566c95d5e25a7cc45cf9642">https://github.com/Kelp-DAO/KelpDAO-contracts/tree/2db8d320b798c9d11566c95d5e25a7cc45cf9642</a>

## 2. Detection Overview

Severity	Found	Resolved	Partially Resolved	Acknowledged (no changes made)	Failed resolution	Open
High						
Medium						
Low	7	5		2		
Informational	8	5		3		
Governance	1			1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>6</b>		

### 2.1 Detection Definitions

Severity	Description
High	The problem poses a significant threat to the confidentiality of a considerable number of users' sensitive data. It also has the potential to cause severe damage to the client's reputation or result in substantial financial losses for both the client and the affected users.
Medium	While medium level vulnerabilities may not be easy to exploit, they can still have a major impact on the execution of a smart contract. For instance, they may allow public access to critical functions, which could lead to serious consequences.
Low	Poses a very low-level risk to the project or users. Nevertheless the issue should be fixed immediately
Informational	Effects are small and do not post an immediate danger to the project or users
Governance	Governance privileges which can directly result in a loss of funds or other potential undesired behavior

### 3. Detection

#### LRTConfig

**LRTConfig** is a configuration management contract that serves as the central registry for protocol parameters, supported assets, contract addresses, and role-based access control. This contract is used throughout the protocol by all major components including LRTDepositPool, LROracle, NodeDelegator, and LRTWithdrawManager to retrieve configuration data and validate asset support. The diff introduces an emergency pause mechanism allowing protocol operators to halt all pausable contracts simultaneously in critical situations.

The new `pauseAll` function enables `PAUSER_ROLE` holders to pause the deposit pool, withdrawal manager, oracle, rsETH token, and all node delegators in a single transaction. This centralized pause capability provides a coordinated emergency response mechanism across the entire protocol. The function iterates through all node delegators in the queue and pauses each one that isn't already paused, ensuring system-wide protection during critical events. Access control is enforced through `DEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLE` for administrative functions, `MANAGER` role for operational parameters, and `TIME_LOCK_ROLE` for adding new supported assets.

#### Privileged Functions

- `pauseAll`

#### Core Invariants:

INV 1: Only `PAUSER_ROLE` can trigger the `pauseAll` emergency function.

## LRTConverter

**LRTConverter** is an adapter contract managing LST unstaking operations and tracking ETH value during conversions. Used by operators to unstake stETH to ETH via Lido's withdrawal queue while maintaining protocol accounting. The diff transitions asset transfer functions from **OPERATOR\_ROLE** to the new **ASSET\_TRANSFER\_ROLE** for improved permission granularity.

The access control change for `transferAssetFromDepositPool` and `transferAssetToDepositPool` now requires **ASSET\_TRANSFER\_ROLE** instead of **OPERATOR\_ROLE**, enabling separation of fund movement privileges from general operational tasks. These functions update the `ethValueInWithdrawal` accounting variable to track value locked in conversion processes. The **OPERATOR\_ROLE** retains control over actual unstaking operations via `unstakeStEth` and claiming via `claimStEth`, while **MANAGER** role manages the whitelist for withdrawal intent declarations. The `withinUnstakeLimits` modifier consumes whitelisted allowance before checking against active user withdrawals.

### Privileged Functions

- `transferAssetFromDepositPool`
- `transferAssetToDepositPool`

### Core Invariants:

INV 1: Only **ASSET\_TRANSFER\_ROLE** can transfer assets between deposit pool and converter.

## LRTDepositPool

**LRTDepositPool** is the primary entry point for users depositing LSTs and ETH into the protocol in exchange for rsETH shares. Used by end users to enter the protocol and by operators to distribute assets to NodeDelegators and the unstaking vault. The diff removes legacy unstaking vault asset tracking and transitions asset transfer functions from **OPERATOR\_ROLE** to the new **ASSET\_TRANSFER\_ROLE** for improved permission separation.

The removal of `getAssetsUnstaking` call in `getAssetDistributionData` eliminates legacy tracking of assets in delayed EigenLayer withdrawals at the vault level, as this is now handled elsewhere. The removal of `assetUnstakingFromEigenLayer` initialization from `getAssetDistributionData` for LSTs reflects the same legacy cleanup. Access control for `transferAssetToNodeDelegator`, `transferETHToNodeDelegator`, `transferAssetToLRTUnstakingVault`, and `transferETHToLRTUnstakingVault` now requires **ASSET\_TRANSFER\_ROLE** instead of **OPERATOR\_ROLE**, creating a dedicated permission for fund movements. The pause function now requires **PAUSER\_ROLE** instead of **LRT\_MANAGER** for consistency.

### Privileged Functions

- `transferAssetToNodeDelegator`
- `transferETHToNodeDelegator`
- `transferAssetToLRTUnstakingVault`
- `transferETHToLRTUnstakingVault`

### Core Invariants:

INV 1: Only **ASSET\_TRANSFER\_ROLE** can transfer assets to node delegators and unstaking vault.

## LRTOracle

`LRTOracle` is a price calculation contract that computes rsETH exchange rates relative to ETH based on total protocol assets and supply. Used by `LRTDepositPool` to determine mint amounts during deposits and by `LRTWithdrawalManager` for withdrawal calculations. The diff introduces period alignment for fee minting limits through a reinitialize function, adds view functions for transparency into daily limits and reset timing, and refines the fee minting limit check logic while removing an unreachable TVL invariant check.

The `reinitialize` function sets `feePeriodStartTime` within the last 24 hours to establish aligned daily periods for fee minting limits, ensuring consistent reset times. New view functions `getCurrentPeriodStartTime`, `remainingDailyFeeMintLimit`, and `getNextDailyLimitResetTimestamp` provide transparency into the fee minting system's state. The `_checkAndUpdateDailyFeeMintLimit` now initializes the period if unset and uses `getCurrentPeriodStartTime` for precise period alignment when resetting, preventing period drift. The previous protocol fee TVL increase invariant check was removed as unreachable due to mathematical constraints. Pause access changed from `MANAGER` to `PAUSER_ROLE` for consistency with protocol-wide emergency controls.

### Privileged Functions

- `pause`

### Core Invariants:

INV 1: Fee minting cannot exceed `maxFeeMintAmountPerDay` in any 24-hour period.

Issue_01	Redundant <code>feePeriodStartTime == 0</code> check
Severity	Info
Description	<p><code>feePeriodStartTime</code> is set in reinitializer, which means its value cannot be 0 as there is no function to set/reset it otherwise.</p> <p>This means the <code>feePeriodStartTime</code> checks have no effect since it is never true.</p>
Recommendations	Consider removing these checks.
Comments / Resolution	Fixed by following recommendation.

## LRTWithdrawalManager

`LRTWithdrawalManager` is a request-based withdrawal system enabling users to convert rsETH back to LSTs or ETH through queued withdrawals and instant withdrawals. Used by rsETH holders to exit positions, with operators unlocking queued requests as assets become available. The diff introduces Aave v3 integration for idle ETH yield generation, removes initialization requirements from completion functions, adds customizable instant withdrawal fee recipients, and enhances access control for queue unlocking.

The Aave integration deposits unlocked ETH awaiting withdrawal into Aave v3 to earn yield for the protocol treasury, with principal tracking to prevent withdrawing accrued interest for user redemptions. New functions `configureAaveIntegration`, `setAaveIntegrationEnabled`, `depositIdleETHToAave`, `collectInterestToTreasury`, and `emergencyWithdrawFromAave` manage this integration. The `unlockQueue` function now accepts both `ASSET_TRANSFER_ROLE` and `OPERATOR_ROLE` via `onlyAssetTransferOrOperatorRole` modifier, enabling more flexible operational control. The `instantWithdrawal` function now supports directing fees to a configurable recipient address via `setInstantWithdrawalFeeRecipient`, defaulting to protocol treasury if unset. The `_processWithdrawalCompletion` automatically withdraws from Aave when the contract balance is insufficient to fulfill redemptions.

### Privileged Functions

- `configureAaveIntegration`
- `setAaveIntegrationEnabled`
- `depositToAaveExternal`
- `depositIdleETHToAave`
- `collectInterestToTreasury`
- `emergencyWithdrawFromAave`

### Core Invariants:

INV 1: Only `ASSET_TRANSFER_ROLE` or `OPERATOR_ROLE` can unlock withdrawal queues.

INV 2: Only `MANAGER` role can configure Aave integration, enable/disable it, set instant withdrawal parameters, and sweep remaining assets.

INV 3: Only `OPERATOR_ROLE` can manually deposit idle ETH to Aave and collect accrued interest.

INV 4: Total unlocked ETH in Aave cannot be withdrawn for user redemptions, only principal.

INV 5: Aave integration cannot be enabled without valid gateway, aWETH, pool, and data provider addresses.

INV 6: Interest collection only succeeds if Aave balance exceeds deposited principal.

INV 7: When Aave is disabled, all ETH must be withdrawn from Aave before disabling.

Issue_02	Emergency withdrawal locks unclaimed interest
Severity	Low
Description	<p>The <code>emergencyWithdrawFromAave</code> function leaves accrued interest locked in the contract when executed without first collecting interest to treasury. When managers perform emergency withdrawals to pull principal from Aave, any interest that has accumulated remains as idle ETH in the <code>LRTWithdrawManager</code> contract.</p> <p>This interest cannot be easily recovered because the <code>sweepRemainingAssets</code> function requires all unlocked withdrawals to be completed before sweeping. If the withdrawn funds are subsequently redeposited to Aave, the <code>totalETHDepositedToAave</code> increases to include the previously earned interest, effectively converting protocol-owned interest into principal. This results in permanent loss of the interest attribution, preventing the protocol from claiming those earnings as treasury revenue.</p>
Recommendations	Collect interest to the treasury before calling the withdraw function in <code>emergencyWithdrawFromAave</code> .
Comments / Resolution	Fixed by following recommendation.

Issue_03	Disabling Aave reverts with accrued interest
Severity	Low
Description	<p>The <code>setAaveIntegrationEnabled</code> function cannot successfully disable Aave integration when interest has accrued or donations exist, blocking exits. When disabling, the function attempts to withdraw the full <code>aaveBalance</code> which includes both principal and accumulated interest.</p> <p>However, the <code>_withdrawFromAave</code> function enforces principal-only withdrawals, calculating <code>withdrawablePrincipal</code> as the minimum of <code>aaveBalance</code> and <code>totalETHDepositedToAave</code>. When interest accrues, <code>aaveBalance</code> exceeds <code>totalETHDepositedToAave</code>, making <code>withdrawablePrincipal</code> equal to <code>totalETHDepositedToAave</code>. The withdrawal request for the larger <code>aaveBalance</code> then reverts with <code>InsufficientPrincipalOnAave</code>. This prevents managers from disabling Aave integration in emergency scenarios, such as Aave pool exploits or liquidity crises, until interest is separately collected.</p>
Recommendations	Collect interest before withdrawing from Aave when disabling integration, and consider directly calling the gateways <code>withdrawETH</code> instead of using <code>_withdrawFromAave</code> .
Comments / Resolution	Fixed by collecting interest first and modifying the <code>_withdrawFromAave</code> .

Issue_04	Reconfiguration locks funds in old Aave pool
Severity	Low
Description	<p>The <code>configureAavelIntegration</code> function updates Aave contract addresses without withdrawing deposited funds from the existing configuration, rendering those assets inaccessible. When managers reconfigure Aave integration, the function revokes approval for the old aWETH token and updates all storage variables to point to new contracts.</p> <p>However, any ETH previously deposited to the old Aave pool remains in the old <code>aaveAWETH</code> contract while the <code>totalETHDepositedToAave</code> counter continues tracking those deposits. The contract loses the ability to withdraw from the old pool because all internal functions now reference the new <code>aaveAWETH</code> address. Unlike <code>setAavelIntegrationEnabled</code> which withdraws all funds before disabling, <code>configureAavelIntegration</code> provides no mechanism to recover funds from the previous configuration, creating a permanent asset lock scenario.</p>
Recommendations	Withdraw all interest and funds from Aave at the beginning of <code>configureAavelIntegration</code> as well as update related state variables before updating to new contract addresses.
Comments / Resolution	Fixed by following recommendation.

Issue_05	Missing Aave capacity check leads to capital inefficiency
Severity	Low
Description	<p>The unlockQueue function attempts to deposit the full <code>assetAmountUnlocked</code> to Aave without checking available pool capacity, leading to capital inefficiency. When the Aave pool is at or near its supply cap, the entire deposit fails in the try-catch block and funds remain idle in the contract. The contract implements <code>getAaveAvailableCapacity</code> to query remaining capacity, but <code>unlockQueue</code> does not utilize this before attempting deposits. When Aave has partial capacity available, the protocol misses yield generation opportunities.</p> <p>For example, if 10 ETH of capacity exists but 100 ETH is unlocked, the deposit fails completely when 10 ETH could have been deposited successfully. The comment acknowledges pool capacity failures, but the implementation does not optimize for partial deposits that would maximize capital.</p>
Recommendations	Compare the deposit amount to the available capacity and deposit up to the cap if the amount exceeds capacity.
Comments / Resolution	Acknowledged.

Issue_06	Dangling approval for permanently disabled aave integration
Severity	Low
Description	<p>In LRTWithdrawManger, whenever the aave configuration is changed via <code>configureAaveIntegration</code> the approval is revoked for previous configuration.</p> <p>However in the case the protocol decides to permanently disable aave integration rather than switch to a new config the approval for this disable config cannot be revoked since disabling is done via <code>setAaveIntegrationEnabled</code>.</p>
Recommendations	Consider also revoking and applying approvals on enable and disable operations.
Comments / Resolution	Fixed by following recommendation.

Issue_07	Dust amount of profits can be left unclaimed due to rounding
Severity	Informational
Description	<p>There can exist a 1-2 wei rounding when querying the <code>aaveAWETH balanceOf[]</code> and this case is handled in <code>_checkHealthAave[]</code>. But the interest amount calculation does not account for this rounding in the <code>collectInterestToTreasury[]</code> function , this means that the <code>interestAmount</code> calculation can be 1-2 wei off too and some <code>aWETH</code> can be left unclaimed.</p>
Recommendations	Consider acknowledging the issue.
Comments / Resolution	Acknowledged.

Issue_08	instantWithdrawalFeeRecipient cannot be set to zero
Severity	Informational
Description	<p>When the <code>instantWithdrawalFeeRecipient</code> address is set, all instant withdrawal fees are redirected to it instead of the treasury. When it is not set, the fees are sent to the treasury.</p> <p>However function <code>setInstantWithdrawalFeeRecipient</code> does not allow setting the fee recipient back to zero address due <code>checkNonZeroAddress</code>. Setting it to zero address should be allowed since the instant withdrawal fees can then be directed to the treasury.</p> <pre> address feeRecipient = instantWithdrawalFeeRecipient; if [feeRecipient == address[0]] {     // Backwards-compatible default: send fees to the protocol     treasury     feeRecipient =     lrtConfig.getContract[LRTConstants.PROTOCOL_TREASURY]; } if [fee &gt; 0] {     _transferAsset(asset, feeRecipient, fee);     emit InstantWithdrawalFeeCollected[msg.sender, asset, fee]; } </pre> <pre> function setInstantWithdrawalFeeRecipient(address feeRecipient) external onlyLRTManager {     UtilLib.checkNonZeroAddress[feeRecipient];     instantWithdrawalFeeRecipient = feeRecipient;     emit InstantWithdrawalFeeRecipientUpdated[feeRecipient]; } </pre>
Recommendations	Consider removing the <code>checkNonZeroAddress</code> check from <code>setInstantWithdrawalFeeRecipient</code> . Alternatively if the fee recipient will be set to the treasury address, consider documenting this in comments for clarity.

Comments / Resolution	Fixed. Added documentation
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Issue_09	Disabling AAVE integration can be grieved
Severity	Informational
Description	<p>AAVE integration can be enabled/disabled using the <code>setAaveIntegrationEnabled()</code> function. When changing the current AAVE pool due to current pool being paused the AAVE integration would be disabled, this operation can be grieved by an attacker by donating 1 wei of <code>aaveAWETH</code> which would trigger a withdrawal →</p> <pre><code>if (!enabled) {     // Withdraw all ETH from Aave back to contract     uint256 aaveBalance = aaveAWETH.balanceOf(address(this));     if (aaveBalance &gt; 0) {         _withdrawFromAave(aaveBalance);     } }</code></pre> <p>And since AAVE pool is paused the call would revert blocking the disable mechanism. This can also happen naturally without the grieve vector where disabling on kelp will fail while funds are on Aave and Aave is paused.</p>
Recommendations	Consider acknowledging the issue
Comments / Resolution	Acknowledged.

## NodeDelegator

**NodeDelegator** is a contract that manages individual delegation of restaked assets to EigenLayer operators, with each instance representing a separate operator delegation. Used by LRTDepositPool to distribute assets across multiple EigenLayer operators for diversification. The diff removes legacy nonce-based withdrawal tracking logic and transitions asset transfer functions from `OPERATOR_ROLE` to the new `ASSET_TRANSFER_ROLE` for improved permission granularity.

The removal of `lastNonce` checks from `completeUnstaking` and `getAssetUnstaking` eliminates legacy pre-slashing withdrawal handling code that is no longer needed. The access control change for `transferBackToLRTDepositPool` and `transferETHToLRTUnstakingVault` now requires `ASSET_TRANSFER_ROLE` instead of `OPERATOR_ROLE`, separating fund movement privileges from general operational tasks. The pause function now requires `PAUSER_ROLE` instead of `MANAGER` role, aligning with protocol-wide emergency response controls. The `completeUnstaking` function now directly calls `decreaseUncompletedWithdrawalCount` without conditional nonce-based logic.

### Privileged Functions

- `transferBackToLRTDepositPool`
- `transferETHToLRTUnstakingVault`
- `pause`

### Core Invariants:

INV 1: Only `ASSET_TRANSFER_ROLE` can transfer assets back to the deposit pool or unstaking vault.

## RSETH

**RSETH** is an upgradeable ERC20 token representing shares in the Kelp DAO liquid restaking protocol, minted when users deposit LSTs and burned during withdrawals. Used by `LRTDepositPool` for minting on deposits and by `LRTWithdrawalManager` for burning during withdrawal processing. The diff introduces comprehensive emergency response mechanisms including transfer blocking, fund recovery, permanent exemptions, and enhanced daily mint limit tracking with period alignment.

The new transfer blocking system allows `MANAGER` role to freeze rsETH transfers from specific addresses for 24-hour periods, with the ability to recover frozen funds to a custody address while blocks are active. Permanent exemptions can be added for protocol contracts that should never be blocked. The reinitialize function sets the custody address and aligns the period start time within the last 24 hours for accurate daily limit tracking. New view functions provide transparency into remaining daily mint limits and next reset timestamps. The pause function access changed from `MANAGER` to `PAUSER_ROLE` for consistency with protocol-wide pause mechanics, and `getCurrentPeriodStartTime` ensures period alignment accounting for skipped days.

### Privileged Functions

- `addPermanentExemptions`
- `blockUserTransfers`
- `setCustodyAddress`
- `recoverFrozenFunds`

### Core Invariants:

- INV 1: Custody address must be non-zero when set or during fund recovery.
- INV 2: Transfers from blocked addresses revert until block expires or funds are recovered.
- INV 3: Permanently exempt addresses can never have their transfers blocked.
- INV 4: Only `MANAGER` role can add permanent exemptions which cannot be reversed.
- INV 5: Only `ADMIN` can recover frozen funds while the transfer block is active.
- INV 6: Only `ADMIN` can set the custody address for recovered funds.

Issue_10	LRTManager can pause minting by setting maxMintAmountPerDay to 0
Severity	<b>Governance</b>
Description	<p>The LRTManager role can pause rsETH minting by setting maxMintAmountPerDay to 0.</p> <p>This is an issue since the LRTManager role should not have pausing capabilities in the case it's ever compromised.</p>
Recommendations	Consider setting a minimum maxMintAmountPerDay as a safeguard.
Comments / Resolution	Acknowledged.

Issue_11	Minting to blocked addresses bypasses blocks
Severity	Low
Description	<p>The <code>_transfer</code> function does not enforce transfer blocks when minting rsETH tokens, allowing blocked addresses to receive newly minted tokens. The transfer block enforcement only checks the <code>from</code> address to prevent outbound transfers from blocked users, but does not validate the <code>to</code> address during mint operations where <code>from</code> equals address zero. If unauthorized minting occurs due to a compromised minter role or system malfunction, the protocol blocking mechanism fails to prevent token issuance to blocked addresses.</p> <p>While blocked recipients cannot transfer these tokens elsewhere, the unbacked minting creates downstream accounting issues. The rsETH supply increases without corresponding asset backing, distorting the rsETHPrice calculation and potentially enabling exploitation during the period between detection and remediation.</p>
Recommendations	Add a transfer block check for the <code>to</code> address in <code>_transfer</code> when <code>from</code> is address zero to prevent minting to blocked addresses. Alternatively block all transfers to blocked addresses.
Comments / Resolution	Fixed by following recommendation.

Issue_12	checkDailyMintLimit() logic allows larger mints in short periods
Severity	Low
Description	<p>checkDailyMintLimit in LRTOracle and RSETH is supposed to check mint limits within a period where a period is a day long but the logic allows for the max to be exceed from the perspective of an arbitrary 24 hour period., consider the following case →</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.] Assume current blocktimestamp is X and on initialize <code>periodStart = X</code></li> <li>2.) After 3.9 days the modifier is triggered and a large mint occurs.</li> <li>3.) As soon as 0.1 day has elapsed then the period can be shifted again since <code>blockTimestamp &gt; periodStart + 1 day</code> [because <code>periodStart</code> points to X + 3 and now we are at X + 4]</li> <li>4.) This means just after 0.1 day the max mint amount can be minted again. Resulting in more than the max mint amount being minted in a short period of time.</li> </ol>
Recommendations	Consider acknowledging and keeping such cases in mind when configuring the max daily limit. Where a large mint can happen at the end of an epoch and at the beginning of the next.
Comments / Resolution	Acknowledged.

Issue_13	Blocked users can become exempt
Severity	Informational
Description	<p>The <code>addPermanentExemptions</code> function allows managers to mark addresses as permanently exempt without checking if those addresses currently have active transfer blocks. When an address is added to the permanent exemption list, the <code>_transfer</code> function skips all block enforcement checks due to the <code>isPermanentlyExempt</code> condition.</p> <p>This means a user with an active transfer block can immediately bypass their restriction if granted permanent exemption status, without any delay or explicit acknowledgment that an active block is being overridden.</p> <p>While this requires manager action and represents an unlikely operational scenario, it creates an inconsistency where blocked addresses can gain immediate transfer capability through exemption rather than having the block explicitly cleared or expired first.</p>
Recommendations	Consider adding a check in <code>addPermanentExemptions</code> to verify whether addresses currently have active transfer blocks before granting permanent exemption status.
Comments / Resolution	Fixed by following recommendation.

Issue_14	Blocking reverts on single exempted address
Severity	Informational
Description	<p>The <code>blockUserTransfers</code> function reverts the entire transaction if any address in the batch is permanently exempt or zero address, preventing all other addresses from being blocked. In time-sensitive scenarios where managers need to quickly block multiple addresses to prevent fund movement, this all-or-nothing behavior creates operational risk. If an operator mistakenly includes one permanently exempt address or zero address in a batch of accounts that need immediate blocking, none of the addresses get blocked, requiring the operator to identify the problematic address, rebuild the list, and resubmit the transaction.</p>
Recommendations	Skip addresses that are permanently exempt or zero address instead of reverting, and emit events for skipped addresses to maintain traceability.
Comments / Resolution	Fixed by skipping exempt and zero addresses instead of reverting.

Issue_15	Redundant <code>periodStartTime == 0</code> check
Severity	Informational
Description	<p><code>checkDailyLimit</code> and <code>getNnextDailyLimitResetTimestamp</code> both include a <code>periodStartTime == 0</code> check.</p> <p>However, we can see that the <code>periodStartTime</code> is already set in the reinitializer and there's no way to set/reset after that, which means the check doesn't actually do anything.</p>
Recommendations	Consider removing the check.
Comments / Resolution	Fixed by following recommendation.

Issue_16	<b>blockUserTransfer</b> can be front-run to rescue funds
Severity	Informational
Description	<p>The <b>blockUserTransfer</b> function is used to temporarily freeze rsETH tokens in an address by preventing transfers from the target address for 24 hrs.</p> <p>The issue is a malicious actor can simply front-run the <b>blockUserTransfer</b> call to move their tokens to a different address each time. Making it difficult for their tokens to be frozen/locked.</p>
Recommendations	Consider acknowledging the issue.
Comments / Resolution	Acknowledged.

## LRTConfigRoleChecker

`LRTConfigRoleChecker` is an abstract base contract providing role-based access control modifiers inherited by all major protocol contracts. This contract bridges role checks with the centralized `LRTConfig` access control system, enabling consistent permission enforcement across `LRTDepositPool`, `NodeDelegator`, `LRTWithdrawalManager`, `LRTOracle`, and `RSETH`. The diff adds two new modifiers to support the newly introduced `ASSET_TRANSFER_ROLE` for granular control over fund movements.

The new `onlyAssetTransferRole` modifier restricts function access exclusively to addresses holding `ASSET_TRANSFER_ROLE`, while `onlyAssetTransferOrOperatorRole` allows either `ASSET_TRANSFER_ROLE` or `OPERATOR_ROLE` to execute. These modifiers enable separation of asset transfer privileges from general operational duties, allowing the protocol to delegate fund movement capabilities to specialized addresses without granting full operator permissions. All modifiers check `msg.sender` against roles stored in the `LRTConfig` contract, maintaining centralized role management.

### Privileged Functions

none

### Core Invariants:

INV 1: Only addresses with `ASSET_TRANSFER_ROLE` can execute functions protected by `onlyAssetTransferRole` modifier.

INV 2: Either `ASSET_TRANSFER_ROLE` or `OPERATOR_ROLE` holders can execute functions protected by `onlyAssetTransferOrOperatorRole` modifier.

## LRTConstants

**LRTConstants** is a library contract providing constant values and helper functions for accessing protocol configuration. Used throughout the protocol as a single source of truth for role identifiers, contract keys, and common addresses. The diff introduces a new access control role for asset transfer operations, separating this privilege from the broader **OPERATOR\_ROLE**.

The new **ASSET\_TRANSFER\_ROLE** constant defines a distinct permission level specifically for moving assets between protocol contracts. This role separation allows for more granular access control where asset transfer operations can be delegated independently from other operational duties. The library continues to provide helper functions that wrap **LRTConfig** contract lookups, enabling cleaner code throughout the protocol when accessing configured contract addresses.

### Privileged Functions

none

### Core Invariants:

INV 1: The **ASSET\_TRANSFER\_ROLE** is a distinct role separate from **OPERATOR\_ROLE** for moving assets between contracts.