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This thesis aims to study functions and powers of state universities in Thailand. It has been found that these universities are legally autonomous from the tutelage powers of Minister of University Affairs. As to their functions prescribed by law - educating, providing research and academic service to the society as well as promoting culture, they are quite appropriate and need no change. But their exercise of powers in order to perform these functions is, in some case, especially the power to manage assets and finance of universities, questionable and leads to the problem of ultra vires.

It is therefore necessary that laws and regulations be amended in order to enhance more autonomy for these universities. Moreover, there should be self-control standards created by universities themselves in order to avoid abuse of powers especially in financial and asset management.