

# Review of the Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council on Health Disparities

## Presentation to Council on Health Disparities

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# What is JLARC?

- The Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee (JLARC) oversees, reviews and evaluates state agencies.
- The Committee consists of 8 senators and 8 representatives equally divided between Democrats and Republicans.
- JLARC's authority is established in Chapter 44.28 RCW.
- Assignments come from policy bills, budget provisos, and Committee initiated studies.

# How does JLARC operate?

- JLARC nonpartisan professional staff independently conduct studies using Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards.
- Studies are objective and independent.
- JLARC staff issue findings and recommendations and track implementation of the recommendations.

# Why a JLARC review of the Council?

In 2006, the Legislature:

- Found that women and people of color experience significant health disparities;
- Created the Council; and
- Directed JLARC to conduct a “Sunset Review.”



# JLARC review questions:

- 1 Has the Council complied with legislative intent?
- 2 Does the Council provide for efficient and economical operations?
- 3 Have the Council's actions achieved expected performance goals and targets?
- 4 Does the Council duplicate the activities of another agency or the private sector?

# Council responsibilities and activities

- Promote and facilitate communication, coordination, and collaboration;
- Gather information about how state government improves or contributes to health disparities;
- Create and update an action plan;
- Recommend initiatives; and
- Provide regular progress reports.



# What to expect...

July 25	Draft report sent to the Council for technical review
Aug. 8	Council technical review response due to JLARC
Sept. 6	Preliminary report sent to JLARC members
Sept. 7	Preliminary report sent to the Council members and response requested
Sept. 14	Presentation of preliminary report at JLARC meeting
TBD	Council and JLARC exit conference
Oct. 21	Council and response on the preliminary report due to JLARC
Nov. 28	JLARC proposed final report sent to JLARC members
Dec. 7	Presentation of proposed final report at JLARC meeting

# Next Steps and Contacts

**Preliminary Report**

September 2016

**Proposed Final Report**

December 2016

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