

A Guide to the JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT & REVIEW COMMITTEE



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JLARC: THE LEGISLATURE'S AUDITOR

We answer your questions

The Legislature sets policy – JLARC evaluates how well programs deliver on it.

We are your performance auditors

JLARC has been providing this service since 1973.

JLARC and the position of Legislative Auditor are established in statute (Chapter 44.28 RCW).

We give you accurate and unbiased answers to your questions

Answers are prepared independently by nonpartisan staff, in accordance with professional audit standards.

The Committee, with 8 Senators and 8 Representatives evenly split between the parties, helps ensure this independence.

QUESTIONS RECENTLY ASKED OF JLARC



Tax preferences

Has a preference for housing providers incentivized the construction of new units of farmworker housing?



Natural resources

Are the Department of Natural Resources' wildfire prevention and preparation activities consistent with science and best practices?



State government

Does the Washington State Patrol replace pursuit vehicle at the optimal time to minimize costs?



Economic development

Did the Local Government Infrastructure Financing Tool create more jobs?



Health services

Does the inspection program for ambulatory surgical facilities meet goals for inspection frequency and ensure patient safety?



Public safety

Do schools, school districts, and first responders use the state's first responder mapping system to support emergency response activities?

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Visit our website at www.leg.wa.gov/jlarc to view:

- The Legislative Auditor's Annual Report
- JLARC's Work Plan
- All JLARC Studies

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STUDY PROCESS

- Study Mandate
Budget, legislation, committee direction
 - Proposed Study Questions
 - Legislative Auditor's Preliminary Report
 - Legislative Auditor's Proposed Final Report
Agency response included
 - Final Report
Option to append committee comment
- ↳ ● Committee votes to distribute completed audit

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