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# AGENDA

December 3, 2008  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
John A. Cherberg Building  
Senate Hearing Room 4  
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- 9:00 – 9:05 \*1. Approval of October 22, 2008 JLARC Meeting Minutes
- 9:05 – 9:35 2. [Health Care Spending Framework](#)
- 9:35 – 10:15 3. [Comparing Costs and Characteristics of Housing Assistance Programs – Preliminary Report](#)
- 10:15 – 11:05 4. [Review of Oil Spill Risk and Comparison to Funding Mechanism – Preliminary Report](#)
- 11:05 – 11:30 5. [Review of Boards and Commissions – Pre-Audit Report](#)
- 11:30 – 11:45 \*6. [Review of Distributions from the City-County Assistance Account – Proposed Final Report](#)
- 11:45 – 12:00 \*7. [Review of Mineral Rights and Conveyance of State Lands – Proposed Final Report](#)

\* Action Item

**Please note: All listed times are estimates only and the Committee reserves the right to move agenda items as needed.**

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Approval of minutes from the October 22, 2008 JLARC meetings.
2. **Health Care Spending Framework:** The 2008 Supplemental Operating Budget (ESHB 2687) directed JLARC to develop a framework for future efforts to quantify and analyze health care spending across all sectors of the state. This report focuses on identifying the relevant types of spending in the public and private sectors, the availability of information on each of those types of spending, and the extent to which that available information could be tracked over time. JLARC identified a broad range of data sources on spending for 81 health-related activities occurring across the state, as well as challenges in using these data sets for future analyses of health care spending. In addition, JLARC staff identified four steps that would be necessary for developing and maintaining a model that could predict the impacts of potential health care policy changes.
3. **Comparing Costs and Characteristics of Housing Assistance Programs – Preliminary Report:** The 2007-09 Biennial Operating Budget directed JLARC to conduct an evaluation and comparison of the cost efficiency of rental housing voucher programs versus other housing programs intended to assist low-income households. To answer the Legislature's questions, JLARC developed a model for analyzing the life-cycle cost of low-income housing developments. JLARC then compared the costs for these capital developments to the costs for vouchers for units with the same number of bedrooms in the same general locations. The report includes a discussion of some additional factors to weigh when considering state funding for housing assistance programs.
4. **Review of Oil Spill Risk and Comparison to Funding Mechanism – Preliminary Report:** In 2007, the Legislature directed JLARC to review the sources of spill risk and compare it to the funding mechanism for the state's oil spill programs. The report answers two key questions: 1) What are the sources of oil spill risk in Washington's waters, and 2) Do the sources of revenue that fund the state's oil spill prevention, preparedness, and response programs align with the sources of oil spill risk? In doing so, the report provides results of a relative risk assessment for oil spills in waters of the state and identifies the sources of revenues that fund state oil spill activities. The report also reviews issues to consider for alternative funding approaches.
5. **Review of Boards and Commissions – Pre-Audit Report:** JLARC has prepared this pre-audit report on boards and commissions at the direction of the Legislature in the 2008 Supplemental Operating Budget (ESHB 2687). The report provides an inventory of state boards and commissions and provides four approaches for selecting entities for further review.
6. **Review of Distributions from City-County Assistance Account – Proposed Final Report:** In 2005, ESSB 6050 created the City-County Assistance Account (CCAA) and also required a JLARC review of account distributions. The CCAA began providing funding to local governments after the repeal of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET). Using a 2006 timeframe, the report compares distribution from the City-County Assistance Account to the formula that previously distributed MVET funds to local governments for sales tax equalization. The report concludes that a majority of CCAA funds are distributed to low tax base jurisdictions as they would have been under the former MVET funding for equalization. The report provides two recommendations: 1) The Legislature should make a technical correction related to the timing of distributions, and 2) the Department of Revenue should report on how CCAA funding interacts with other state funds provided to mitigate streamlined sales tax losses.
7. **Review of Mineral Rights and Conveyance of State Lands– Proposed Final Report:** A budget note in the 2008 Supplemental Operating Budget directed JLARC to evaluate public policy issues raised with respect to mineral rights and the conveyance of public lands. The report examines the legislative history regarding the classification of minerals and certain other natural resources and the processes for transferring these resources. The study also contains case studies addressing the state's compliance with the statutory requirements for the transfer of these resources. The proposed final report does not contain any recommendations.