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AGENDA

October 22, 2008
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
John A. Cherberg Building
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- 10:00 – 10:05 *1. Approval of September 24, 2008 JLARC Meeting Minutes
- 10:05– 10:25 *2. [State Health Care Coverage Eligibility – Proposed Final Report](#)
- 10:25 – 10:45 *3. [Prescription Drug Purchasing Consortium – Proposed Final Report](#)
- 10:45 – 11:25 4. [Review of Distributions from the City-County Assistance Account – Preliminary Report](#)
- 11:25 – 12:00 5. [Review of Mineral Rights and Conveyance of State Lands – Preliminary 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 September 24, 2008 JLARC meetings.
2. **State Health Care Coverage Eligibility – Proposed Final Report:** The 2007-09 biennial operating budget directed the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to review criteria and procedures for determining eligibility for state programs offering individual health care coverage for qualified recipients. The state determines eligibility and participates in funding 73 health care coverage programs in three main categories: employment-related programs, social services (or Medical Assistance) programs, and expansion programs. This report provides an inventory of these programs and compares eligibility criteria and eligibility determination processes across programs. The report recommends that the Department of Social and Health Services update its administrative rules, manuals, and public information to ensure that they are current, consistent, and understandable.
3. **Prescription Drug Purchasing Consortium – Proposed Final Report:** In 2005 the Legislature passed SSB 5471, which authorized the creation of the Prescription Drug Purchasing Consortium. The Legislature directed the Health Care Authority (HCA) to establish and administer the Consortium and required eight state health care programs that purchase prescription drugs directly or reimburse pharmacies to be part of the Consortium, unless greater cost savings could be achieved through other purchasing arrangements. The report identified that six of eight designated programs are not currently participating in the Consortium and have not demonstrated they are achieving greater cost savings elsewhere. HCA reports savings are occurring for participating agencies and individuals. The report concludes it is not possible to determine whether the Consortium impacted health outcomes. The report recommends that designated agencies complete cost analyses to identify whether savings are possible through the Consortium, that HCA make determinations about whether agencies should be exempt from participation, and that HCA should periodically update cost analyses in the future.
4. **Review of Distributions from City-County Assistance Account – Preliminary Report:** In 2005, ESSB 6050 created the City-County Assistance Account and also required a JLARC review of account distributions. The City-County Assistance Account began providing funding to local governments after the repeal of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET). The report compares distributions from the City-County Assistance Account to the formula that previously distributed MVET funds to local governments for sales tax equalization. The report also reviews the Department of Revenue's compliance with requirements to distribute funds, and discusses other state funding which may interact with account distributions.
5. **Review of Mineral Rights and Conveyance of State Lands– Preliminary Report:** A budget note in the 2008 Supplemental Operating Budget directed the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (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.