Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee

Legislative Auditor's 2018 Annual Report

Public records data collection: a new role for JLARC staff

We worked with stakeholders to build a new online system to answer the Legislature's questions about public records.

- 858 public agencies responded.
- We reported their data for 18 metrics through interactive online dashboards.

Interactive reports provide comprehensive information

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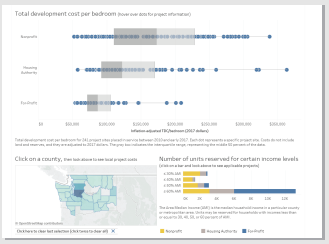
JLARC staff use interactive online tools to enhance the Legislature's experience and access to information.



JLARC report "Fees Assessed for Forest Fire Protection" won 2018 NLPES Excellence in Research methods award.

"This study illustrates the superior program evaluation work being provided to state legislatures."

- NLPES Executive Committee

JLARC staff use rigorous analysis to answer complex questions

SPOTLIGHT: Applied economic models used to estimate a range of net employment changes from a tax preference.

- Data indicated there were 131 new jobs.
- We developed 3 scenarios in REMI to estimate how many jobs might have resulted from the tax preference.
- This helps the Legislature consider how much the preference affected job growth.

All recommendations to state agencies have been implemented or are in progress

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Action in Progress	Implemented	Partially Implemented

Staff to complete 10 studies due by January 2020

In 2018, JLARC staff completed studies of services for people with developmental disabilities, select tax preferences, state service delivery options, and low-income housing development.

View all 2019 planned reports on our website

Here are a few of the studies we're working on now:

- Tax Preference Reviews: Aerospace, Multi-Unit Urban Housing, and Hog Fuel
- Capital Budget Staffing
- Opportunity Scholarship & Expansion Programs
- Local Infrastructure Financing Tool
- Impact of Tourism Marketing

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