

## DES/OFM Approach to Assessing Contracting Options

Proposed Study Questions
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## In 2011, ESSB 5931



Established DES



- Examples of services provided to state agencies:
  - Contracting and purchasing
  - Facilities and leasing
  - Risk management
  - Printing and mailing

- Identifies a process for
   Office of Financial Management
   (OFM) and DES to use to
   determine if outsourcing is more
   cost effective and efficient
- Requires JLARC to conduct an audit of the implementation of this process



# Each biennium from 2011 until scheduled to expire in 2018, statute requires OFM and DES to:

#### **OFM**

- InventoryDES services
- Select up to 6 services to test in the private market

#### **DES**

- Conduct procurements
- Assess
   in-house costs
   to provide the
   service

#### **OFM**

 Determine if it is more cost-effective and efficient to contract out

#### DES

 If applicable, monitor executed contracts

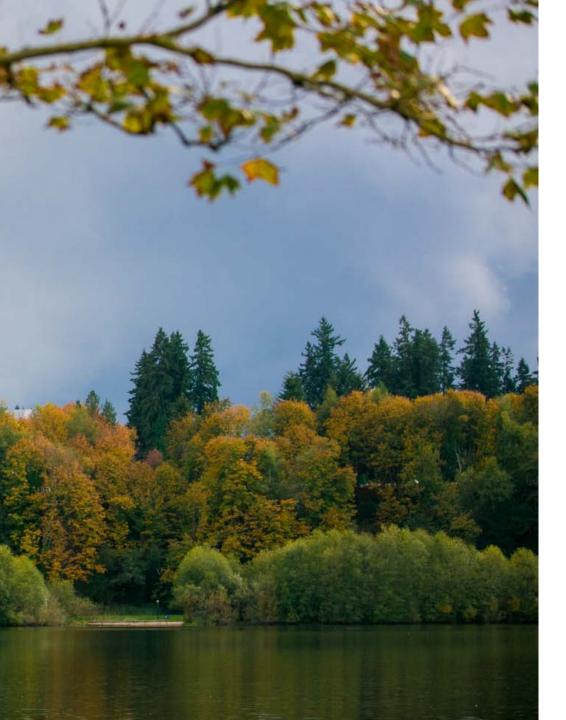
#### **OFM**

Provide
 biennial
 reports to
 the
 Legislature
 summarizing
 the results



## **Proposed study questions**

- How do DES and OFM identify and assess services for outsourcing, and is the process consistent with statute?
- When outsourcing opportunities are pursued, does DES follow statute and best practices for developing, monitoring, and overseeing contracts?
- Has the contracting assessment process led to either additional costs or savings for the state?



## **Next Step**

**Preliminary Report** 

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http://leg.wa.gov/jlarc/AuditAndStudyReports/Documents/DESSO.pdf

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