



Summaries

2017-19 Study Mandates & Other Scheduled Committee Projects

Tax Preference Performance Reviews <i>Report: July 2017 and July 2018</i> Directive: EHB 1069 (2006)	JLARC staff review the preferences included in the schedule developed by the Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences. Click here for the 2017 report. Click here for a link to the 2018 study questions. Staff: Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov
Legislative Implementation of SAO Recommendations <i>Report: July 2017 and July 2018</i> Directive: I-900 (2005)	JLARC annually reports on the Legislature's implementation of the State Auditor's performance audit recommendations. Click here for the 2017 report. Staff: Keenan.Konopaski@leg.wa.gov
Lodging Tax Expenditures Reported by Municipalities: Annual Non-Audit Report <i>Report: July 2017 and July 2018</i> Directive: ESHB 1253 (2013)	Municipalities must annually report their use of lodging tax revenues to JLARC, which makes this information available publicly through an on-line reporting system. Click here for the most recent lodging tax information reported by municipalities. Staff: Suzanna.Pratt@leg.wa.gov
Public Records Data Reporting: Annual Non-Audit Report <i>Report: July 2018</i> Directive: ESHB 1594 (2017)	Certain state agencies, municipalities, and other public entities will annually report data about the characteristics of public records requests and the costs and timeliness of responding to them. Data could be submitted by over 2,000 governmental entities. Click here for the most recent information about this project. Staff: Valerie.Whitener@leg.wa.gov
Fees Assessed for Forest Fire Protection <i>Report: July 2017</i> Directive: Operating Budget (2015)	JLARC is to review factors such as the process DNR uses to determine forest fire protection assessments, assessment rates, the efficiency of the administrative process, location of where protection expenditures are made, and information about parcels not paying the assessment. Click here for a link to the final report. Staff: Ryan.McCord@leg.wa.gov
DES/OFM Approach to Assessing Contracting Options <i>Report: January 2018</i> Directive: ESSB 5931 (2011)	JLARC is to review the process DES and OFM uses to assess potential options where the private sector might provide services to state agencies currently delivered by DES in-house. Click here for a link to the preliminary report. Staff: Amanda.Eadrick@leg.wa.gov

Habitat and Recreational Lands and Regulations <i>Report: December 2017</i> Directive: Capital Budget (2015)	JLARC is to determine what outcome measures can be used to evaluate the success of major regulatory programs compared to public land acquisitions intended for habitat and outdoor recreation. In addition, the study is to compare the amount of habitat lands protected through acquisitions and easements with the amount of lands protected through major regulatory programs within three counties west of the Cascades and three counties east of the Cascades. Click here for link to the final report. Staff: Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov
Wildfire Suppression Costs and Funding <i>Report: December 2017</i> Directive: Operating Budget (2016)	JLARC is to analyze DNR's and the State Fire Marshall's fire suppression funding and costs related to state lands, private lands, and federal lands. JLARC is to evaluate processes for determining costs, the source of funding for suppression, reimbursement processes, and how characteristics such as land ownership, fire insurance, and development influence costs and reimbursement. Click here for a link to the final report. Staff: Rebecca.Connelly@leg.wa.gov
Department of Ecology Underground Storage Tank Program – Sunset Review <i>Report: September 2018</i> Directive: ESSB 5475 (2007)	JLARC will conduct a sunset review of the Department of Ecology's regulatory program for underground storage tanks. Ecology operates the program under a delegation of authority from the federal Environmental Protection Agency in order to implement requirements of the federal Underground Storage Act of 2005. The program is intended to reduce leaky underground storage tanks and ensure that ground water protection measures include secondary containment and monitoring. Staff: Suzanna.Pratt@leg.wa.gov
Cost Effectiveness of Housing Approaches for Low Income Households <i>Report: December 2018</i> Directive: Operating Budget (2017)	JLARC is to evaluate and compare the cost efficiency of market rate housing in Washington versus publicly subsidized housing projects intended to assist low-income households. This review will attempt to standardize total costs for both approaches, including land acquisition, preconstruction, construction and rehabilitation, financing, administration, maintenance, and operations. Staff: Amanda.Eadrick@leg.wa.gov
Employment and Community Access Services for People with Developmental Disabilities <i>Report: December 2018</i> Directive: Operating Budget (2017)	JLARC is to evaluate the employment and community access services that the Department of Social and Health Services provides to clients with developmental disabilities. Click here for a link to the study questions. Staff: Ryan.McCord@leg.wa.gov and Melanie.Stidham@leg.wa.gov
Office of Youth Homelessness Performance Based Contracting <i>Report: April 2019</i> Directive: Operating Budget (2017)	JLARC is to evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the Department of Commerce's Office of Youth Homelessness performance based contracting with homelessness service providers, including compliance with performance measurement and reporting. Staff: Suzanna.Pratt@leg.wa.gov