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AGENDA

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December 1, 2011
8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
John A. Cherberg Building
Senate Hearing Room 2
Olympia, Washington

- *1. [Approval of September 21, 2011, JLARC Meeting Minutes](#)
- *2. [Puget Sound Partnership: Processes Required to Measure Puget Sound Restoration Are Not Yet in Place – Proposed Final Report](#)
3. [Microenterprise Development: Program Meets Statutory Objectives But Department of Commerce Oversight is Inadequate – Preliminary Report](#)
- *4. [Manufacturing Innovation Sunset Review: Legislature Should Allow Unused Program to Expire – Proposed Final Report](#)
5. Proposed Scope & Objectives
 - A. [Assessment of Involuntary Commitment Judicial Services](#)
 - B. [Alternative Public Works Sunset Review](#)

* Action Item

Please note: The Committee reserves the right to move agenda items as needed

1. **Approval of September 21, 2011, JLARC Meeting Minutes**
2. **Puget Sound Partnership: Processes Required to Measure Puget Sound Restoration Are Not Yet in Place – Proposed Final Report:** This first of two audits directed by statute (the second audit is due in 2016) focuses on the accountability directives included in the statute that created the Partnership. JLARC found that accountability mechanisms were largely not in place in the Partnership’s plan for restoring Puget Sound—the 2008 Action Agenda—but work currently underway in revising the Action Agenda appears to be more in line with guidance in statute. JLARC’s report describes other key work that remains after the 2012 Action Agenda is delivered. The report offers three recommendations for the Partnership to enhance accountability and communication of restoration strategies. The Partnership concurs with each of the recommendations.
3. **Microenterprise Development Program Meets Statutory Objectives But Department of Commerce Oversight is Inadequate – Preliminary Report:** JLARC evaluated the state’s microenterprise development program and concluded that the Washington State Microenterprise Association (WSMA) provides business development services and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations. These organizations in turn provide business development services to entrepreneurs and leverage state funds to attract non-state dollars. JLARC found that the Department of Commerce is not complying with its statutory obligation to provide organizational support to WSMA, and that its current contract reporting and verification process is inadequate. The report makes two recommendations to improve these areas.
4. **Manufacturing Innovation Sunset Review: Legislature Should Allow Unused Program to Expire – Proposed Final Report:** The Washington Manufacturing Innovation and Modernization Extension Service (MIMES) Program was created to increase the availability of innovation and modernization services to Washington manufacturers. The Sunset statutes direct that, absent specific action by the Legislature, the MIMES Program will cease to exist on June 30, 2012. Because no manufacturers are using the MIMES Program, JLARC recommends that the Legislature allow the Program to expire. The Department of Commerce concurs with the recommendation.
5. **Proposed Scope & Objectives**
 - A. **Assessment of Involuntary Commitment Judicial Services:** In 2011, the Legislature provided a process, effective July 1, 2012, for counties to get reimbursement for certain judicial services costs associated with involuntary mental health civil commitments. The intent of the legislation (SSB 5531) is to “prevent the burden of these costs from falling disproportionately on the counties or regional support networks where the commitments are most likely to occur.” In the bill, JLARC was directed to assess the direct costs counties incur when providing certain judicial services. Additionally, JLARC is to analyze cost differences across counties and investigate methods for and identify factors associated with the periodic updating of judicial costs.
 - B. **Alternative Public Works Sunset Review:** The 2007 Legislature revised statutes that allow public agencies to use alternative procedures for public works construction projects (2SHB 1506). Alternative procedures depart from the traditional design-bid-build process for selecting construction contractors by allowing agencies to select contractors who will participate in the design process. The statute includes a sunset provision; if the Legislature does not renew the authority for alternative public works procedures in 2013, the authority will expire. Under Washington’s Sunset Law, JLARC must conduct a sunset review. That review will examine the extent to which alternative public works procedures: 1) comply with legislative intent; 2) provide for efficient and economical public works construction, with adequate cost controls in place; 3) achieve expected performance goals and targets; and 4) duplicate the activities of another agency or the private sector. JLARC will make a recommendation on whether to terminate, modify, or continue alternative public works procedures.