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AGENDA

July 18, 2012
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
John A. Cherberg Building
Senate Hearing Room 4
Olympia, Washington

- *1. Approval of May 17, 2012, and June 20, 2012, JLARC Meeting Minutes
2. [2012 Tax Preference Performance Reviews—Preliminary Report](#)
3. Proposed Scope & Objectives
 - A. [Puget Sound Partnership Update](#)
 - B. [Trout Hatcheries Cost Study](#)
 - C. [Competency to Stand Trial](#)

* 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 May 17, 2012, and June 20, 2012, JLARC Meeting Minutes**

2. **2012 Tax Preference Performance Reviews—Preliminary Report:** In 2006, the Legislature enacted EHB 1069, mandating audit reviews of Washington's tax preferences. JLARC reviewed 23 tax preferences in 2012. All tax preference performance reviews place an emphasis on whether the preference has met its public policy objectives. The reports include recommendations to terminate one preference, review and clarify the intent of twelve preferences, and continue ten preferences.

3. **Proposed Scope & Objectives**
 - A. **Puget Sound Partnership Update:** In the 2012 legislative session, the Legislature directed JLARC to review the 2012 Action Agenda and provide an update to the Legislature on the extent to which the Partnership has implemented the recommendations from JLARC's 2011 audit.

 - B. **Trout Hatcheries Cost Study:** In the 2012 legislative session, the Legislature directed JLARC to assess WDFW's costs specific to trout production activities. The Legislature also directed JLARC to consider the availability of alternative approaches to trout production, compare WDFW's costs to the costs of the alternatives, and review other states' experiences in alternative approaches to trout production.

 - C. **Competency to Stand Trial:** The 2012 Legislature passed SSB 6492 to "substantially improve the timeliness of services related to competency to stand trial" and establishes performance standards for competency evaluations and referrals to state hospitals. This bill also directs JLARC to complete two performance assessments of the agency's timeliness in completing competency evaluations. The first study will review how DSHS has or plans to: 1) Meet timelines established in statute; 2) Establish quality and productivity standards for DSHS staff; and 3) Monitor defendants' lengths of stay in state hospitals related to evaluation and competency restoration.