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# AGENDA

May 18, 2011  
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
John A. Cherberg Building  
Senate Hearing Room 2  
Olympia, Washington

➤ Brief descriptions of agenda items are on the following page.

10:00 – 10:30

**OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

A. Introduction of New JLARC Member—Representative Hans Zeiger

B. 2011 Legislative Session Highlights for JLARC

10:30 – 10:35

\*1. Approval of December 1, 2010, and January 5, 2011, JLARC Meeting Minutes

10:35 – 11:25

2. High Performance Public Buildings—Preliminary Report

11:25 – 12:00

\*3. State Ferry Terminals: Procedures to Account for and Request Capital Funds Have Improved but Additional Actions Are Needed—Proposed Final Report

\* 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 December 1, 2010, and January 5, 2011, JLARC Meeting Minutes.
2. High Performance Public Buildings—Preliminary Report: The Legislature enacted ESSB 5509 in 2005. This legislation requires state agencies and higher education institutions, school districts receiving state construction funds, and certain grant recipients to construct and renovate major facilities using high performance standards, with the goal of saving money, improving school performance, and making workers more productive. The legislation directs JLARC to conduct a performance audit of the high performance public buildings program created by the legislation. JLARC's review finds that meeting high performance standards has added between 1 and 3 percent in reported construction costs. The impact of these standards on energy use is mixed, with some buildings meeting expectations while others do not. However, many show some improvement in energy performance over time. The impact on student performance and worker productivity is not clear. Many projects are newly completed with limited operating experience and incomplete data. As a result, the performance observed to date should be considered preliminary.
3. State Ferry Terminals: Procedures to Account for and Request Capital Funds Have Improved but Additional Actions Are Needed—Proposed Final Report: The 2009-11 Transportation Budget directed JLARC to conduct an audit of the capital cost accounting practices of the Washington State Ferries. The assignment follows a 2006 Joint Transportation Committee study of ferry financing and 2007 legislation (ESHB 2358) addressing a broad range of state ferries operational issues. JLARC's audit followed up on key issues identified in the ferry financing study and requirements of ESHB 2358, focusing on ferry terminals. JLARC found that the Office of Financial Management and State Ferries have made progress in implementing the 2007 legislation, but additional actions are necessary to ensure the Legislature receives appropriately detailed information and justification when State Ferries requests funding for ferry terminal preservation projects.