

State of Washington
JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (JLARC)
STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) conducts objective performance audits, program evaluations, special studies, and sunset reviews on behalf of the legislature and the citizens of the state of Washington. The Committee makes recommendations to the legislature and state agencies to improve the performance of state government and identify cost savings.

VISION

Our vision is to be a proactive Committee whose work is an integral part of the legislative oversight of state government and is recognized as useful. JLARC recommendations have significant policy, accountability, and program and fiscal implications. Besides providing direction and oversight of JLARC reviews, JLARC members are educators, focal points, facilitators, and conduits of JLARC work.

AUTHORITY

JLARC's statutory authority is established in RCW 44.28.

GOAL

To ensure the mission of the Committee is successfully achieved through the JLARC work program and Committee actions, and through effectively communicating on JLARC matters and following up on Committee recommendations.

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES
Impacts and Standards	
Ensure the work of the JLARC is responsive and useful to the legislature's priorities (and the public's interest) by making timely and substantive recommendations based on independent research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carefully assess study requests • Ensure study results are used • Meet government auditing standards as appropriate to the scope of assignments
Accountability	
Implement JLARC policies and protocols that allow for accountability of the JLARC to the legislature (and the public).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track and report study impacts • Conduct peer review of office
Communications	
Increase participation of JLARC members and interest among legislators in JLARC work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess value of publications, presentations, orientations, and other communications • Present study results to other legislative committees • Encourage opportunities to share study results with other audiences

ACTIVITIES

Program evaluations and studies for the state legislature that contribute to the statewide results of improving the ability of state government to achieve its results efficiently and effectively.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Percentage of recommendations implemented by audited agencies.
- Legislation passed to enact improvement opportunities identified by JLARC studies.
- Quantifiable cost savings and/or cost avoidance as a result of JLARC findings and recommendations.
- Number of presentations on JLARC reports to legislative committees and other groups.