

" R_X Washington" Prescription Drug Discount Program

Briefing Report In Lieu of a Pre-Sunset Review

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What the Briefing Report Contains

- Information about the sunset review process.
- History of the $R\!\!_{\!X}$ Washington prescription drug discount program.
- A recommendation for JLARC and a consideration for the Legislature.

What Is a Sunset Review?



A sunset review assesses the degree to which a program or agency is:

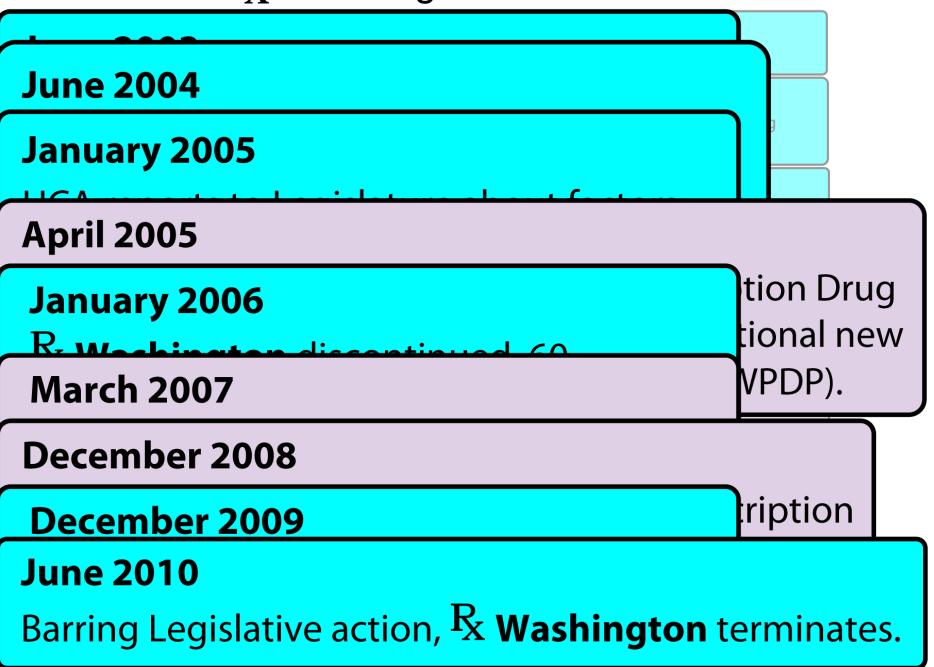
- Complying with legislative intent;
- Reaching expected performance goals and targets;
- Operating in an efficient and economical manner; and
- Duplicating activities by another agency or the private sector.

Why a Briefing Report Instead of a Pre-Sunset Review?



- As part of pre-sunset review process, JLARC staff work with agencies to develop:
 - performance measures
 - data collection plan
- However, in starting the pre-sunset work, JLARC staff found that R_X Washington is **no longer in operation** and a new drug discount program is in place.

R_x Washington Timeline







- R_X Washington was discontinued in January 2006.
- Another prescription drug discount program (WPDP) has since been implemented.
- WPDP will be part of a JLARC performance audit due December 2008.



JLARC accepts this briefing report in lieu of a full sunset review and recommends that the Legislature allow the R_X Washington prescription drug discount program to terminate on June 30, 2010, as current law stipulates.



The Legislature repeals the P_X Washington prescription drug discount program and amends the Sunset Act to remove requirements that JLARC conduct a sunset review. This option requires legislative action in either the 2008 or 2009 legislative session.

Final Note



Absent JLARC or legislative action, JLARC must conduct a full sunset review of the discontinued R_X Washington prescription drug discount program by December 2009.



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