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AGENDA

September 21, 2011
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
John A. Cherberg Building
Senate Hearing Room 4
Olympia, Washington

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Welcome New JLARC Staff

Legislative Auditor's Annual Report

- *1. [Approval of July 20, 2011, JLARC Meeting Minutes](#)
2. [Manufacturing Innovation Sunset Review – Preliminary Report](#)
3. [Puget Sound Partnership – Preliminary Report](#)
4. [Workplace Safety and Health Programs – Proposed Scope & Objectives](#)

* Action Item

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

1. Approval of July 20, 2011, JLARC Meeting Minutes
2. Manufacturing Innovation Sunset Review—Preliminary 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. These statutes require JLARC to review the activities of the Program. Because no manufacturers are using the MIMES Program, JLARC's sunset analysis recommends that the Legislature allow the Program to expire.
3. Puget Sound Partnership—Preliminary Report: The 2007 Legislature directed the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to conduct two performance audits of the Partnership, the first in 2011 and the second in 2016. This first audit focuses on the accountability directives of the Legislature, as well as other key statutory requirements. JLARC found that the accountability mechanisms directed in statute were largely not in place in 2008 Agenda, but that current work underway in revising the Action Agenda appears to be more in line with guidance in statute. This report also 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, barriers, and progress.
4. Workplace Safety and Health Programs—Proposed Scope & Objectives: The 2011-13 Operating Budget directed JLARC to review the state's workplace safety and health activities. The study will focus on the Division of Occupational Safety and Health's (DOSH) safety and health inspection process, consultations, and compliance assistance opportunities for businesses. The study will describe the activities conducted by DOSH and identify the strategies used in Washington to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses. The study will also compare Washington's injury and illness rates to rates in other states and to the federal program.