

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC)

2025-27 JLARC Biennial Work Plan

Work plan is subject to change based on other Committee and/or legislative priorities.

Yellow bars indicate new studies.

Recurring work in 2025-27 biennium

JLARC staff complete the following data compilations and state-by-state comparisons annually or biennially.

Study	Planned presentation date	Links	Study mandate
State and Local Agency Public Records Reporting	Annual (Jan)	View report	ESHB 1594 (2017)
Legislative Implementation of SAO Recommendations	Annual (July)		Initiative 900 (2005)
Lodging Tax Expenditures Reported by Municipalities	Annual (July)		ESHB 1253 (2013)
JLARC Recommendations Implementation	Annual (Dec)		
How Washington Compares Comparison to other states on standard measures such as government spending, taxes, and education	Biennial (April in even years)		JLARC sponsored (2019)

Current work in 2025-27 biennium

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2025 Tax Preference Reviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Gas for Transportation (Multiple Taxes) Multipurpose Senior Citizen Centers (Property Tax) Trade Convention Attendance (Multiple Taxes) Nonprofit Low Income Housing Development (Property Tax) Disabled Veteran Adapted Housing (Sales and Use Tax) Agricultural Fertilizer and Seed Wholesaling (B&O Tax) Agricultural Crop Protection Products (Hazardous Substance Tax) Energy Sales to Silicon Smelters (Multiple Taxes) Travel Agents and Tour Operators (B&O Tax) 	Tax preference review	July 2025	View study questions	EHB 1069 (2006)
Washington State Recreational Boating Programs	Performance audit	July 2025	View study questions	ESSB 5187 (2023) (sec. 103(5))

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Office of Privacy and Data Protection	Performance audit	Dec 2025	View study questions	SHB 2875 (2016) (sec. 3)
Drug Take-Back Program Fee-Setting and Expenditures	Expedited review	Jan 2026 Publish in Dec 2025		E2SHB 1422 (2025) (sec. 4)
Ignition Interlock Device Compliance and Monitoring	Performance audit	July 2026 May be delivered in Dec 2025	View study questions	ESHB 2134 (2024)
2026 Tax Preference Reviews	Tax preference review	July 2026		EHB 1069 (2006)
L&I Workplace Standards and Safety Programs for Farmworkers	Performance audit	July 2026		ESSB 5693 (2022) (sec. 103(6))
DCYF Juvenile Rehabilitation Programs	Performance audit	July 2026	View study questions	ESSB 5950 (2024)
DNR's Long-Term Forest Health Planning and Sustainable Harvest Approach: Eastern WA	Performance audit	Sept 2026		2SHB 1168 (2021)
Implementation of Cap and Investment Programs	Briefing report	Jan 2027		E2SSB 5126 (2021)
Implementation of Clean Fuel Standards	Briefing report	Jan 2027		E3SHB 1091 (2021)
State Energy Performance Standard Compliance	Performance audit	June 2027		2SHB 1715 (2025)

Planned work on future biennia studies

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Thermal Energy Networks	Performance audit	July 2027	ESHB 2131 (2024)
2027 Tax Preference Reviews	Tax preference review	July 2027	EHB 1069 (2006)
Corrections Ombudsmen	Sunset review	Sept 2027	E2SHB 1889 (2018) (sec. 10)
Drug Take-Back Program	Sunset review	Sept 2027	ESHB 1047 (2018) (sec. 26)
Funding of State Implementation of National 988 System	Performance audit	Nov 2027	E2SHB 1477 (2021) (sec. 105)

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Apple Health and Homes Program	Performance audit	Dec 2027	ESHB 1866 (2022) (sec. 9)
DNR's Long-Term Forest Health Planning and Sustainable Harvest Approach: Western WA	Performance audit	Jan 2028	2SHB 1168 (2021)
Underground Storage Tanks	Sunset review	Sept 2028	SB 6159 (2018) (sec. 1)
State Patrol Longevity Bonus Pilot Program	Performance audit	Sept 2028	SHB 2357 (2024)
Grants to Large Port Districts for Noise Mitigation	Sunset review	Sept 2028	E2SSB 5955 (2024)
Commercial Office Space	Performance audit	Oct 2028	SHB 1746 (2019) (sec. 10)
Unemployment Insurance Training Benefits Program	Performance audit	Dec 2028, then every five years	EHB 1091 (2011) (sec. 15)
Impact of Tourism Marketing Program Authority	Performance audit	Dec 2028	E4SSB 5251 (2018) (sec. 11)
WA Statewide Reentry Council	Performance audit	Jan 2029, then every six years	2SHB 2791 (2016) (sec. 9)
Aerospace Innovation	Sunset review	Sept 2029	2SSB 6139 (2020) (sec. 1)
Alternative Public Works Contracting Procedures	Sunset review	Sept 2029	SB 5032 (2021) (sec. 21)
Breakfast After the Bell	Performance audit	Dec 2029	2ESHB 1508 (2018) (sec. 9)
Implementation of Cap and Invest Program	Performance audit	Dec 2029	E2SSB 5126 (2021) (sec. 32)
Attorney General's Enforcement of Consumer Health Data Protections	Performance audit	Sept 2030	ESHB 1155 (2023) (sec. 13)
Implementation of Clean Fuel Standards Program	Performance audit	Dec 2030	E3SHB 1091 (2021) (sec. 15)
Low-Income Housing Development - Religious Organizations	Performance audit	Dec 2030	SHB 1377 (2019) (sec.4)

Initiative 900 Requirements

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Legislative Hearings on SAO Audits	Ongoing	Initiative 900 (2005)