



Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee

The Legislature's Performance Auditors

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JLARC works to make state government more effective, efficient, and accountable

- JLARC is a legislative committee. It has members from the House and Senate, evenly split between the parties.
- Nonpartisan staff do research, complete audits and reviews, and present findings to the committee.
- The Legislative Auditor oversees the work and can make recommendations to agencies and the Legislature.

JLARC Members

Senate

- Bob Hasegawa
- Liz Lovelett
- Jesse Salomon, **Chair**
- Shelly Short
- Keith Wagoner, **Secretary**

House

- Emily Alvarado
- Stephanie Barnard
- April Berg
- Jake Fey
- Stephanie McClintock
- Ed Orcutt, **Vice Chair**
- Gerry Pollet, **Asst. Secretary**

JLARC reports give accurate, unbiased, and credible answers

- Legislature assigns studies through the budget and policy bills. JLARC members approve the work plan.
- Staff follow professional audit standards set by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO).
- JLARC reports have won multiple awards for methods, impact, and presentation.

JLARC staff publish three types of reports:

Performance audits

- Assess if a program works as intended, meets goals, and operates efficiently.
- May recommend improvements.

Ch. 44.28 RCW

Tax preference reviews

- Assess tax exemptions, credits, deductions, preferential rates, deferrals, and exclusions based on specific criteria in law.
- Must recommend continuation, change, or termination.

Ch. 43.136 RCW

Sunset reviews

- Assess a program or agency based on specific criteria in law.
- Must recommend continuation, change, or termination.

Ch. 43.131 RCW

If it happens in state government, JLARC staff can review it

Recent studies have evaluated:

- Funding, spending, service delivery, and access for special education.
- Paid Family and Medical Leave program rate-setting and administration.
- Racial equity effects of restricting in-person education during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Acquisition process for hybrid electric state ferries.
- Tax preferences intended to create jobs in rural counties or support interstate transportation.
- Appropriations and expenditures from the Dedicated Cannabis Account.

[You can view the work plan and read our published reports on our website.](#)



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