



Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee

The Legislature's nonpartisan performance auditors

JLARC is a legislative committee that makes state government more effective, efficient, and accountable

Eight senators and eight representatives serve on JLARC. Membership is evenly split between political parties.

JLARC's nonpartisan staff complete audits assigned by the Legislature.

- Our findings and conclusions are based on evidence and laws.
- Our recommendations do not take political positions or advocate for specific policies.

Legislature assigns a study to JLARC

Nonpartisan JLARC staff research the issue and report findings

JLARC members hear reports, ask questions, and hold agencies accountable

We evaluate if state programs work as intended

We follow professional standards to answer questions like:

- Is the agency meeting goals efficiently and cost effectively?
- Is it helping the people or businesses the Legislature wants to reach?
- Are there ways it could better serve Washingtonians?

We talk to affected people, observe the agency's work, analyze data, and review laws and best practices. We compare what is happening to what should be happening and may recommend improvements.

If it happens in state government, JLARC can review it

We evaluate education, natural resources, corrections, social services, health, taxes, and more. JLARC issues three types of audit reports:

Performance audits
Ch. 44.28 RCW

Tax preference reviews
Ch. 43.136 RCW

Sunset reviews
Ch. 43.131 RCW

Impact

Most agencies agree with our recommendations and make the changes. The Legislature also has revised policies, tax preferences, and funding.

Recent results include:

- Enrollment cap for special education funding was removed.
- Employer contributions for paid family medical leave receive more review.
- Analysis of how a tax credit for workforce training can reach more industries and all areas of the state.



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