



## Assignment Summaries

### JLARC Assignments for the Remainder of 2012

<p><b>Performance Audits of Tax Preferences</b>  <i>Report: Jul 2012</i>          Directive: EHB 1069 (2006)</p>	<p>Based on a ten-year schedule developed by the Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences, JLARC staff review approximately 22 tax preferences each year.  <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Mary.Welsh@leg.wa.gov">Mary.Welsh@leg.wa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Dana.Lynn@leg.wa.gov">Dana.Lynn@leg.wa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Peter.Heineccius@leg.wa.gov">Peter.Heineccius@leg.wa.gov</a></i></p>
<p><b>Alternative Public Works Sunset Review</b>  <i>Report: Sep 2012</i>          Directive: 2SHB 1506 (2007)</p>	<p>JLARC is conducting a sunset review of alternative public works contracting procedures, including general contractor/construction manager (GC/CM), design-build, and job order contracting.  <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Mark.Fleming@leg.wa.gov">Mark.Fleming@leg.wa.gov</a></i></p>
<p><b>Performance Audit of Worker's Compensation Claims Management – Study Design</b>  <i>Report: Dec 2012</i>          Directive: EHB 2123 (2011)</p>	<p>JLARC is in the process of developing a study design and methodology on how best to answer questions the Legislature asked in assigning JLARC a performance audit of the workers' compensation claims management system. JLARC will provide reports in December 2013 and June 2015.  <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Stephanie.Hoffman@leg.wa.gov">Stephanie.Hoffman@leg.wa.gov</a></i></p>
<p><b>Competency to Stand Trial: Phase One</b>  <i>Report: Dec 2012</i>          Directive: SSB 6492 (2012)</p>	<p>The Legislature directed JLARC to assess the performance of the state hospitals in meeting targets for the timeliness of completion of evaluations of competency to stand trial. This first of two reports will focus on establishing a data collection plan for the study.  <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov">Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Elisabeth.Donner@leg.wa.gov">Elisabeth.Donner@leg.wa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Zane.Potter@leg.wa.gov">Zane.Potter@leg.wa.gov</a></i></p>
<p><b>Puget Sound Partnership Follow-Up</b>  <i>Report: Dec 2012</i>          Directive: 3ESHB 2127 (2012 Operating Budget)</p>	<p>In 2011, JLARC completed an audit of the Puget Sound Partnership. In 2012, the Legislature asked JLARC to provide an update on the extent to which the Partnership has implemented the recommendations from the 2011 audit.  <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov">Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov</a></i></p>
<p><b>Trout Hatcheries Cost Study</b>  <i>Report: Dec 2012</i>          Directive: 3ESHB 2127 (2012 Operating Budget)</p>	<p>JLARC will assess WDFW's cost to produce trout compared to alternatives such as contracting for these services. Included will be the experiences of other states in contracting or other alternative approaches to trout production.  <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Tracey.Elmore@leg.wa.gov">Tracey.Elmore@leg.wa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Elisabeth.Donner@leg.wa.gov">Elisabeth.Donner@leg.wa.gov</a></i></p>

### Initial 2013-15 JLARC Work Plan

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<p><b>Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Local Infrastructure Financing Tool</b>  <i>Report: Sep 2013</i>          Directive: E2SHB 2673 (2006)</p>	<p>LIFT is designed to stimulate local business activity. With this 2013 report, and every five years after, JLARC will evaluate the effectiveness of LIFT, including impacts on employment, property tax values, sales tax, and changes in housing and commercial activities.  <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Fara.Daun@leg.wa.gov">Fara.Daun@leg.wa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Peter.Heineccius@leg.wa.gov">Peter.Heineccius@leg.wa.gov</a></i></p>

<b>Performance Audit of Worker's Compensation Claims Management: Progress Report</b> <i>Report: Dec 2013</i> Directive: EHB 2123 (2011)	JLARC will provide a status report to the Legislature on its performance audit of the workers' compensation claims management system. <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Tracey.Elmore@leg.wa.gov">Tracey.Elmore@leg.wa.gov</a>, <a href="mailto:Eric.Whitaker@leg.wa.gov">Eric.Whitaker@leg.wa.gov</a></i>
<b>Competency to Stand Trial: Phase Two</b> <i>Report: Dec 2013</i> Directive: SSB 6492 (2012)	In this second of two required reports, JLARC will determine if state hospitals have met targets to reduce the time required to assess a defendant's competency to stand trial. <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov">Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Elisabeth.Donner@leg.wa.gov">Elisabeth.Donner@leg.wa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Zane.Potter@leg.wa.gov">Zane.Potter@leg.wa.gov</a></i>
<b>University of Washington Alternative Public Works Sunset Review</b> <i>Report: Sep 2014</i> Directive: SSB 6355 (2010)	JLARC will conduct a sunset review of the alternative process for the University of Washington to award contracts for the building of university buildings and facilities for critical patient care or specialized medical research. <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Mark.Fleming@leg.wa.gov">Mark.Fleming@leg.wa.gov</a></i>
<b>Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation Sunset Review</b> <i>Report: Sep 2014</i> Directive: SSB 5982 (2012)	JLARC will conduct a sunset review of the Center, established to pursue joint industry-university research into technologies that may be used by aerospace firms, to enhance engineering education, and to identify aerospace research needs. <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Mark.Fleming@leg.wa.gov">Mark.Fleming@leg.wa.gov</a></i>
<b>Performance Audit of Worker's Compensation Claims Management</b> <i>Report: Jun 2015</i> Directive: EHB 2123 (2011)	This audit report, the final report of a three-report process, will present the conclusions and any recommendations from JLARC's performance audit of the workers' compensation claims management system. <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Tracey.Elmore@leg.wa.gov">Tracey.Elmore@leg.wa.gov</a>, <a href="mailto:Eric.Whitaker@leg.wa.gov">Eric.Whitaker@leg.wa.gov</a></i>
<b>Additional Future JLARC Assignments</b>	
<b>Innovate Washington (JLARC audit vetoed by Governor; audit and report timing to be determined by the Legislature)</b> <i>Report: To be determined</i> Directive: 2ESB 5764 (2011)	JLARC will develop the scope and timing of the review of Innovate Washington, which was created to develop a collaborative relationship between higher education, private industry, and government to grow innovation-based parts of the economy. <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:John.Woolley@leg.wa.gov">John.Woolley@leg.wa.gov</a></i>
<b>Veterans Innovations Program Sunset Review</b> <i>Report: Sep 2015</i> Directive: 2SHB 2754 (2006)	JLARC will conduct a sunset review of the Department of Veterans' Affairs program to provide crisis and emergency relief and education, training, and employment assistance to veterans and their families. <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Stephanie.Hoffman@leg.wa.gov">Stephanie.Hoffman@leg.wa.gov</a></i>
<b>Analysis of the Unemployment Insurance Training Benefits Program</b> <i>Report: Dec 2015</i> Directive: EHB 1091 (2011)	JLARC will complete an evaluation of the training benefits program administered by the Employment Security Department. The program allows eligible individuals to receive additional weeks of unemployment benefits while they are in approved training. <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Stephanie.Hoffman@leg.wa.gov">Stephanie.Hoffman@leg.wa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov">Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov</a></i>
<b>Public School Employees Health Benefits Performance Audit</b> <i>Report: Dec 2015</i> Directive: ESSB 5940 (2012)	JLARC has a number of assignments from 2012 legislation on this topic, including reporting on progress by school districts and their benefit providers in achieving the goals and performance expectations established in the bill, recommending affordability targets, and providing rank-ordered performance grants to districts reducing co-payments. <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:John.Bowden@leg.wa.gov">John.Bowden@leg.wa.gov</a></i>
<b>Medicaid Fraud Sunset Review</b> <i>Report: Sep 2016</i> Directive: ESSB 5978 (2012)	JLARC will conduct a sunset review of the processes established in the Health Care Authority and the Attorney General's Office to combat Medicaid fraud. <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:John.Bowden@leg.wa.gov">John.Bowden@leg.wa.gov</a></i>
<b>Interagency Coordinating Council on Health Disparities</b> <i>Report: Dec 2016</i> Directive: 2SSB 6197 (2006)	JLARC will review the Council's progress in establishing an action plan and statewide policy to address health disparities in people of color and between men and women. <i>Staff: <a href="mailto:Fara.Daun@leg.wa.gov">Fara.Daun@leg.wa.gov</a></i>

<p><b>Puget Sound Partnership</b>  <i>Report: Dec 2016</i>          Directive: ESSB 5372 (2007)</p>	<p>The second of two mandated audits (the first audit was completed in Dec 2011) the audit will review the Partnership's implementation of the six goals and eight objectives established by the Legislature to restore Puget Sound by 2020. Staff: <a href="mailto:Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov">Eric.Thomas@leg.wa.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Child and Family Reinvestment Account Sunset Review</b>  <i>Report: Sep 2017</i>          Directive: SHB 2263 (2012)</p>	<p>JLARC will conduct a sunset review of the account established to reinvest savings related to foster care caseload reductions into efforts to reduce entries and prevent re-entry, safely increase reunifications, achieve permanency for children unable to reunify, and improve outcomes for children who age-out of care. Staff: <a href="mailto:Mark.Fleming@leg.wa.gov">Mark.Fleming@leg.wa.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Department of Enterprise Services: Service Delivery Options Study</b>  <i>Report: Dec 2017</i>          Directive: ESSB 5931 (2011)</p>	<p>JLARC is to audit one section of the government reorganization and streamlining bill of 2011. Specifically, the section establishes a process for the Department of Enterprise Services and OFM to follow in reviewing activities that might be performed more cost effectively by the private sector. Staff: <a href="mailto:Mark.Fleming@leg.wa.gov">Mark.Fleming@leg.wa.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Underground Storage Tank Program</b>  <i>Report: Sep 2018 Sunset Review</i>          Directive: SSB 5475 (2007)</p>	<p>JLARC will conduct a sunset review of the program established to ensure underground tanks are not leaking hazardous substances and contaminating ground water. Staff: <a href="mailto:John.Woolley@leg.wa.gov">John.Woolley@leg.wa.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Higher Education Performance and Tuition Setting Authority/Opportunity Scholarship and Opportunity Expansion Programs</b>  <i>Report: Oct 2018</i>          Directives: E2SHB 1795/ESHB 2088 (2011)</p>	<p>These audits will focus on the impact of tuition setting authority and the Opportunity Scholarship and Opportunity Expansion programs on student access, affordability, and institutional quality. Staff: <a href="mailto:Eric.Whitaker@leg.wa.gov">Eric.Whitaker@leg.wa.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:John.Bowden@leg.wa.gov">John.Bowden@leg.wa.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Hispanic Affairs Commission Sunset Review</b>  <i>Report: Sep 2020</i>          Directive: SHB 1948 (1993)</p>	<p>JLARC will conduct a sunset review of the commission that has been established to examine and define issues pertaining to the rights and needs of Hispanics and to make recommendations to the Governor and state agencies for changes in programs and laws. Staff: <a href="mailto:John.Woolley@leg.wa.gov">John.Woolley@leg.wa.gov</a></p>