



Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee

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Meeting Minutes

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee

Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Time: 10:00 am – noon

Location: Senate Hearing Room 4
John A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA & Virtual

Committee business | [Meeting video](#)

Senator Mullet, JLARC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: Senator Wagoner made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2023 JLARC meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Reports, Presentations, Discussions

Appropriations and Expenditures of the Dedicated Cannabis Account – Preliminary Report | [Meeting video](#)

Stephanie Seto, Melanie Stidham and Ashley Trunnell, JLARC staff presented the preliminary report.

Legislative Auditor’s Conclusion: State and local agencies spent \$3.3 billion from the Dedicated Cannabis Account between fiscal years 2015 and 2023. Spending was consistent with legislative direction. Opportunities exist to improve financial transparency.

2023 Tax Preference Reviews – Proposed Final Report | [Meeting video](#)

Dana Lynn and Pete van Moorsel, JLARC staff presented the proposed final report. The presentation included tax preference reviews for the following: Interstate Transportation, Rural County and CEZ New Jobs, International Services, Hazardous Substance Tax Exemption for Pesticides Sold Out of State, Historic Ships and Vessels, and Rehabilitated Historic Properties.

Legislative Auditor’s Conclusion: The Legislative Auditor issued six recommendations in six tax preference performance reviews as part of its annual reporting cycle. Five recommendations require legislative action, and one preference has a recommendation to continue and does not require legislative action.

Dr. Grant Forsyth, Chair, Citizen’s Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences answered member questions.

SENATORS

Bob Hasegawa
Liz Lovelett
Mark Mullet, *Chair*
Ann Rivers

Jesse Salomon
Shelly Short
Keith Wagoner
Lynda Wilson, *Secretary*

REPRESENTATIVES

Emily Alvarado
Stephanie Barnard
April Berg
Jake Fey

Keith Goehner
Stephanie McClintock
Ed Orcutt, *Vice Chair*
Gerry Pollet, *Asst. Secretary*

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

Eric Thomas

Motion: Rep. Orcutt made a motion to approve for distribution the 2023 Tax Preference Reviews – Proposed Final Report. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

JLARC Members Present: Senators Mark Mullet, *Chair*; Lynda Wilson, *Secretary*; Bob Hasegawa; Liz Lovelett; Jesse Salomon; Shelly Short; and Keith Wagoner; Representatives Ed Orcutt, *Vice-Chair*; Gerry Pollet, *Assistant Secretary*, Emily Alvarado, Keith Goehner, and Stephanie McClintock.

JLARC Staff Present: Eric Thomas, Legislative Auditor; Valerie Whitener, Deputy Legislative Auditor; Stephanie Hoffman, Audit Coordinator, Rebecca Connolly, Geoffrey Cunningham, Jared Gunnell, Dana Lynn, Aline Meysonnat, Ryan McCord, Pete van Moorsel, Casey Radostitz, Marilyn Richter, Stephanie Seto, Melanie Stidham, Ashley Trunnell, Eric Whitaker.

CHAIR

VICE CHAIR