



# Implementation of Racial Equity Analyses at the WA State Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee

NCSL Roundtable on Evaluating Economic Development Tax Incentives

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## “ The committee shall...

incorporate a racial equity analysis into its performance audits, sunset reviews, and other audits or reports.

note in its audits, reviews, and reports if a racial equity analysis is not necessary or appropriate.

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## Learning from WA State Ethnic Affairs Commissions and others

- Met with all Commissions/Offices—outreach .
- Stakeholders: there will be different ways people understand “equity.”
- Qualitative data is important, but challenging to evaluate objectively.

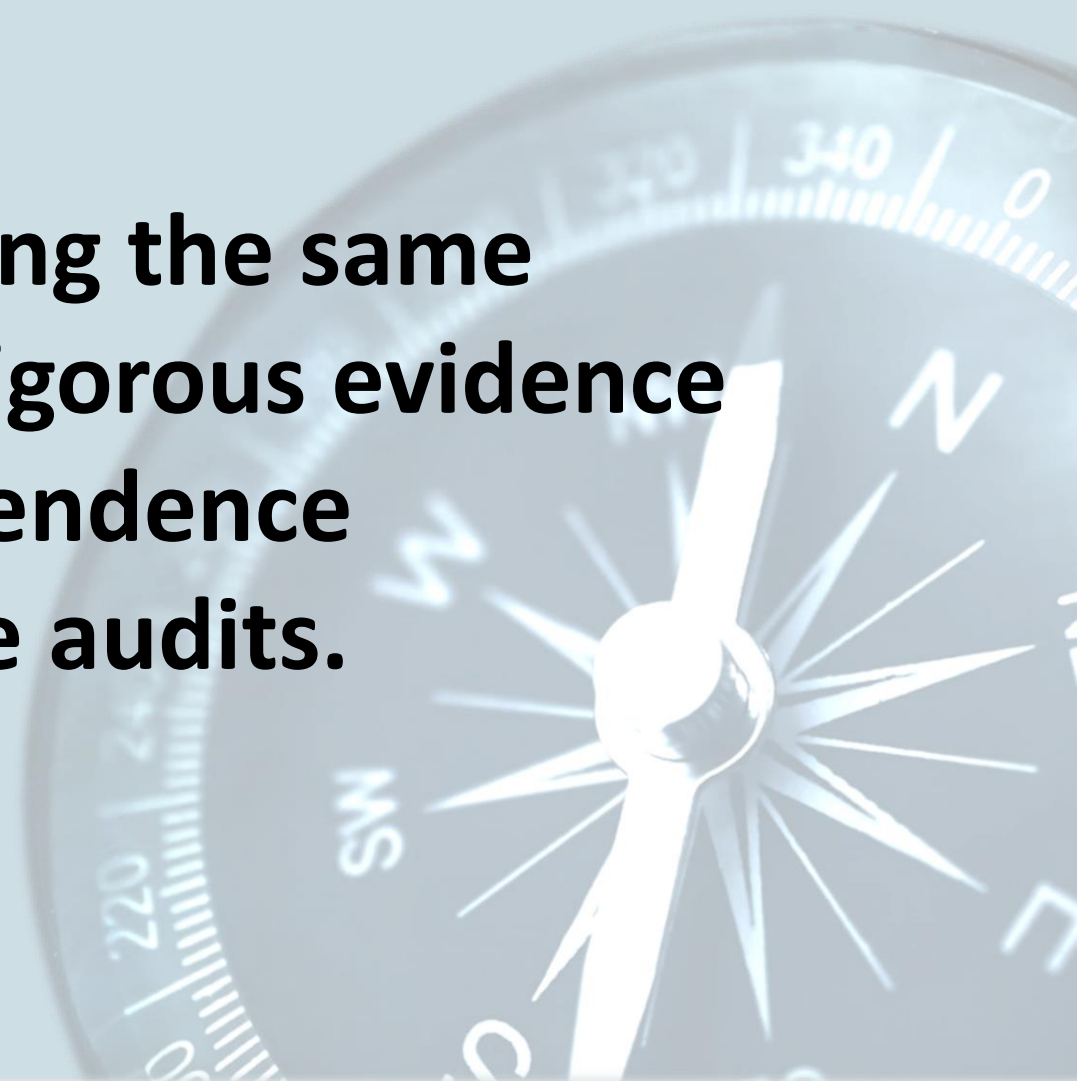




# Five Principles

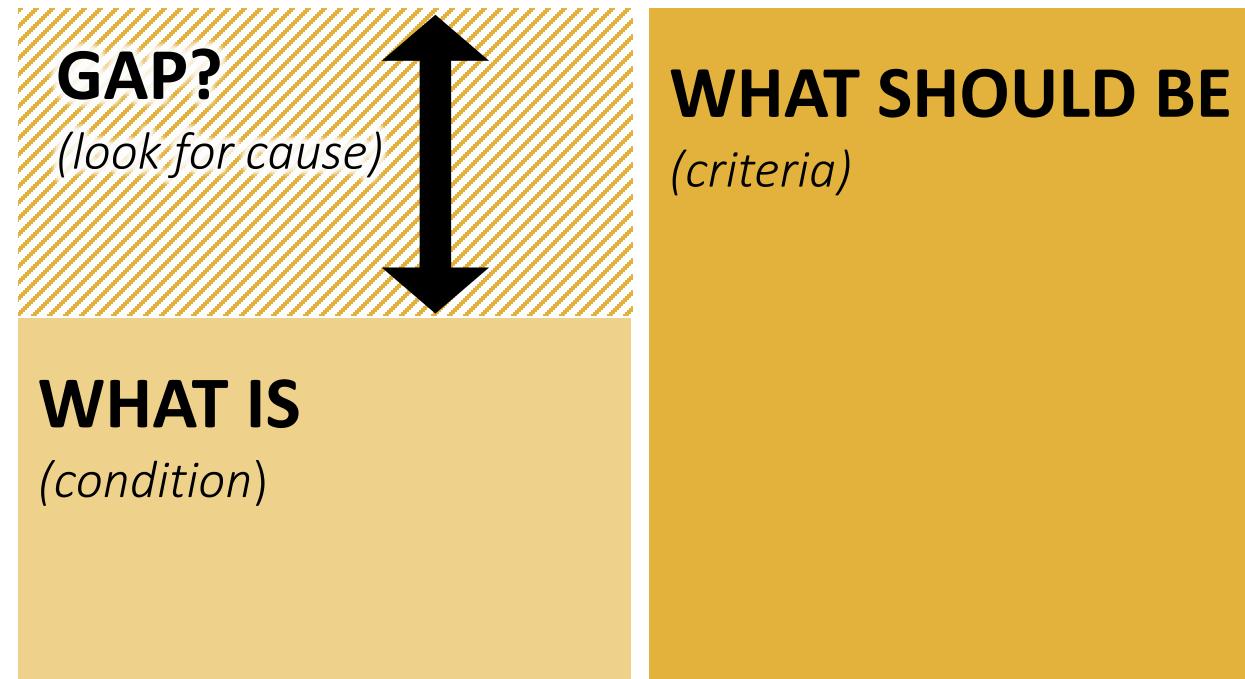
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**JLARC staff will conduct racial equity analyses using the same professional judgment, rigorous evidence and methods, and independence required for performance audits.**



# Statute requires us to follow Yellow Book standards

Necessary elements to make a recommendation



# Five Principles

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**Racial equity analyses must be related to the purpose of the original study mandate and fall within the scope of that mandate.**



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**JLARC staff will not exclude racial equity analysis from a study's scope because of a perceived lack of data.**



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**JLARC staff will prioritize using actual disaggregated data about the race of those affected to evaluate programs.**





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**Initially, JLARC staff will prioritize evaluating whether quantifiable data varies by race and whether agencies are complying with equity-related statutory direction.**



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