



# **Responding to requests for “prospective analyses”**

**or**

# **Preventing the perfect from becoming the enemy of the good**

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*“Give them the first best to go on with. The second best comes too late, the best never comes.”*

-Robert Watson-Watt, key developer of British early warning radar, WWII





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*I want an evidence-based,  
independent evaluation of how a  
policy choice will play out if  
enacted?*

*And I want it now! (relatively)*

*What will it cost if we use the  
Health Benefit Exchange  
(Affordable Care Act) to provide  
health care to part time education  
employees?*

## Many employees are unlikely to qualify for subsidies



**42-61%**

unlikely to qualify because they live  
in households above **400% of  
the Federal Poverty Level**



**44-67%**

unlikely to qualify because their  
**working spouse may have  
access to other coverage**

*If the State buys land to preserve  
for habitat and recreation, will  
that improve or impede economic  
vitality?*

## Scenario A



Public  
Cabins &  
Campsites

\$7.5 M  
86.3 jobs



Private  
Vacation  
Rentals

\$7.7 M  
84.2 jobs



Net  
Impact of  
Public Use

-\$0.2 M  
2.1 jobs

## Scenario B



Public  
Cabins &  
Campsites

\$7.5 M  
86.3 jobs



Private  
Homes

\$4.7 M  
47.1 jobs



Net  
Impact of  
Public Use

\$2.8 M  
39.2 jobs



# Reports can be found here:

<http://leg.wa.gov/jlarc/reports/2016/K12HigherEdPartTimeEmployeesPhase1/p/default.htm>

<http://leg.wa.gov/jlarc/reports/2015/PublicLandsEcon/f/default.htm>