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Honorable Zack Hudgins
Washington State House of Representatives
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Re: Judicial Information System (JIS) account - proposed amendment

Dear Representative Hudgins:

I enjoyed meeting you and Representative Jinkins for lunch yesterday. It was nice to see both of you again.

As you know, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) previously agreed to expedite the data exchange project in order to accommodate information technology issues at the King County District Court (KCDC). These issues are unrelated to the state provided systems and rest solely with side systems built by KCDC. In addition, we believed that the funding, $7.1 million, would come from the state general fund, thereby leaving the JIS account to fund those projects prioritized and approved by the Judicial Information System Committee. When the 2015-2017 omnibus operating budget was passed, we were very disappointed to learn that only $1.8 million of the project costs came from the state general fund. We have been very clear that the JIS account does not have the capacity to fund additional projects, therefore, we have asked that the $5.3 million be "returned." However, after further analysis, we believe that $3 million will suffice for the time being, if all assumptions remain valid.

Attached is a draft amendment for the House 2016 supplemental budget proposal. I ask that you present and support this amendment that will allow the AOC to continue to successfully implement statewide information technology systems that benefit the public, the legislature, and the courts.

Please contact me, Ramsey Radwan, or Mellani McAleenan if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Mary E. Fairhurst

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Chair, Judicial Information
System Committee

cc: Chief Justice Barbara A. Madsen
Callie Dietz, State Court Administrator
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On page 7, line 6, increase the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2017 by $3,000,000

On page 7, line 11, decrease the judicial information systems account appropriation by $3,000,000

On page 7, line 20, increase the general fund—state fiscal year 2017 amount by $3,000,000

On page 7, line 21, decrease the judicial information systems account fiscal year 2017 amount by $3,000,000

EFFECT: Provides partial general fund-state funding for the statewide information network hub.