Judicial Information System Committee Meeting October 25, 2019

DECISION POINT – JISC Rule 13

MOTION:

I move to amend the JISC Rule 13 as indicated in the attached draft proposed by the Rule 13 Workgroup.

I. BACKGROUND

JISC Rule 1 states that AOC will operate a statewide Judicial Information System to serve the courts of Washington, under the direction of the JISC and with the approval of the Supreme Court pursuant to RCW 2.56. RCW 2.68.010 provides for the JISC to "determine all matters pertaining to the delivery of services available from the judicial information system."

JISC Rule 13 governs JISC review and approval of local city or county automated court records systems. The rule was adopted in 1976, and has not been amended since. It does not reflect the current realities of technology system development.

In 2014, the JISC adopted the JIS Standard for Local Automated Court Record Systems and the associated Implementation Plan that provide guidance to courts operating their own systems regarding the minimum data that must be in the statewide judicial information system. The proposed amendments to JISC Rule 13 align the rule with the accompanying JIS Standard.

In June, 2019, the JISC voted to create a Rule 13 workgroup to develop a compromise proposal to bring back to the JISC. The workgroup met four times in July and August, and unanimously agreed on the attached amended draft to Rule 13.

II. DISCUSSION

With more and more courts contemplating leaving the statewide Judicial Information System and implementing their own systems, it is crucial for those courts to have direction so they understand their responsibilities and what to expect when making those decisions. It is also crucial to public safety for all Washington courts and justice partners to continue to have access to statewide judicial information.

OUTCOME IF NOT PASSED –

If JISCR 13 is not amended to reflect the current reality, Washington judicial officers, court staff, justice system partners, and the public will not have access to complete judicial information on which public safety depends.