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Barbara Madsen, Chief Justice  
Washington State Supreme Court  
PO Box 40929  
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

RE: JISCR 13 – Duplicate Data Entry

Dear Chief Justice Madsen:

Thank you for the review and comment period on JISCR 13. I ask that you not support the changes proposed to this rule.

We believe JISCRule 13 will force counties and cities to duplicate manual inputs into SCOMIS or its replacement, in addition to the data entry into their own system, something no jurisdiction, the state or counties will be willing or able to fund. The implications for King County, representing nearly half of the state's judicial records, are profound.

In general, it appears likely the number of independent court information technology systems will grow, not decline, over the time that the Tyler System implements by county and grows in functionality over the years. We believe managing this environment requires the development of a data exchange. This exchange must be a loosely linked, layered architecture capable of dealing with changes in technology, applications and needs. Mandating duplicate data entry, as opposed to implementing a modern electronic exchange, is not the answer.

King County's District Court and Superior Court systems cannot manage duplicate data entry. Our estimates are rudimentary, but for the Clerk's office at the superior court level, the King County department of Judicial Administration, we estimate the costs at 31 FTEs or \$2.3 million dollars annually to do duplicate case management and financial system data entry. For King County District and Superior Court, the expense would be even higher. Given our financial

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constraints, meeting this mandate would require deep cuts to courts, prosecution, defense, and detention systems.

Please do not pass this rule but instead do what is in your power to prioritize AOC's work on an electronic data exchange to support the non-JIS courts that want to submit data to the statewide court data repository. Over 40% of the data going to the database will be coming from non-JIS courts. It's time to recognize and address the technology development necessary to support this reality.

Sincerely,

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Fred Jarrett  
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## Tracy, Mary

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Greetings:

Attached please find a copy of a letter of comment regarding JISCR 13 from Fred Jarrett, Deputy King County Executive.

The original hard copy is also on its way to you.

Thank you,

**Gail Stone**

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The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.  
*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*