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Comment on proposed amendment to RAP 14.2

The proposed amendment to the rule indicates that the report to be filed by the offender "need not reiterate information contained in the trial court indigency screening form". This provision seems to assume that the screening form will be available to the appellate court, but I have never seen one in an appellate court file. Perhaps the rule assumes that in the future, the form will be provided to the appellate court in appeals, but it seems unlikely that the form would be included in the file for a personal restraint petition. I would suggest changing the rule to either require the offender to provide the appellate court a copy of the trial court indigency screening form or require them to provide that information in the report referenced in the rule. I would also suggest that the better practice would be to just require that the information in the trial court indigency screening form be included in the report referenced in the proposed rule, especially considering that the information in the trial court indigency screening form would often be 2-3 years old by the time costs in an appeal are considered.

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