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I am a public defender in Snohomish County and write in support of changes to the court rules that allow and even encourage limiting the times a person accused of a crime has to appear in court. I have had countless cases where my clients have had to miss work or medical appointments **multiple times** to appear for hearings that either do not occur or are meaningless hearings resetting the next court date. It does not engender respect for the justice system to force these unnecessary appearances under threat of arrest. The rules should be modified as proposed to allow attorneys to represent their clients in criminal cases in a more efficient manner.

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