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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed change in the Disciplinary process.

The proposal does not set out any deficiency in the current rules that the change is hoping to address. It appears to be a solution desperately in search of a problem. That alone would be a reason to not make the change.

However, one issue that I am sensitive to is the tendency for professional hearing officers to all be drawn from similar social and cultural pools. That is in this instance, those people happy to live and work in Seattle. This lack of hearing officer diversity will result in a decrease in understanding on the part of the hearing officers of what is it like to choose to practice in the many diverse parts of the state.

We as a bar should be trying to increase diversity not decrease it, especially for those in such a critical role.

I support keeping the current system.

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