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This opportunity to determine what we can do for the legacy of the civil justice system for Washington State cannot be denied.

Given the pandemic, record unemployment and mounting financial concerns - civil legal services is needed but unaffordable.

LLLTs are highly trained, skilled professionals with the ability to step into the justice gap between individuals in need of pro bono services and those able to afford legal counsel. In other words, most of the citizens in our state! Our current legal system is not cost effective.

Lack of access to justice is not just a problem for our state. Every state in the nation has the same problem. Many states took an opposite approach and expanded alternative legal programs!

Ensure that Washington does not get left in the dust!

Alternative legal licensing fills the need. Given time and exposure, the license will expand. Washington State led the charge towards expansion of justice by being the first! Do not lose your momentum by abandoning this license. Washington was the first and should remain a leader in this arena.

Make the decision to be on the right side of history! Increase access to Justice and Reverse the decision to sunset the Limited License Legal Technician Program!

Sincerely,

Lesli Ashley