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Erin L. Lennon
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RE: Comments for JuCR 7.16

Restricting the courts authority to issue warrants and enforce court orders **undermines** the juvenile court's ability to fulfill the legislative requirements and purposes **outlined** in RCW 13.40.010 thereby negatively impacting our youth, families, and the communities we serve.

Not only is JuCR 7.16 contrary to the purposes outlined in the Juvenile Justice Act but making it a permanent rule forever limits the authority of the local judiciary responsible for considering all the circumstances of each unique case appearing before them. This rule **does not** account for the individual safety and wellbeing of youth and prohibits courts from enforcing their own orders. Furthermore, it sends a detrimental message to communities by impeding the Superior Courts authority to uphold the administration of justice and protect youth within **their** communities.

JuCR 7.16 was presented as a temporary rule during the pandemic without **public** participation. As a juvenile justice professional for over 26 years, I join my fellow colleagues and respectfully urge the Supreme Court to **rescind JuCR 7.16 in full** or alternatively, amend the court rule as recommended by the Superior Court Judges' Association and Washington Association of Juvenile Court Administrators and restore the authority and discretion of local judges.

Sincerely,



Jody Jacobsen, Director
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Dear Clerk Lennon,

Attached please find my comments regarding JuCR 7.16. I appreciate your time, please post to public comment.

Sincerely,

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