

Lewis County Clerk

April 29, 2024

To members of the Supreme Court,

Re: Comments regarding proposed changes to RAP 9.6 Order No. 25700-A-1550

I submit this letter as comments regarding the above-mentioned proposed rule change. I am opposed to the suggested changes that have been put forth by OPD.

Most Clerks do not have the resources available to be able to comply with the proposed changes. Most Clerks do not have color copiers, the equipment and training needed to take and download photos of exhibits, or the necessary equipment and software for duplication of electronic exhibits.

I do not see anything in the current statutes that allow Clerks to bill for the increased labor costs that would result if the proposed changes were adopted.

The implementation of the proposed rule change may solve some of the issues that OPD is experiencing, but it does not address the financial impact it will have on each of the 39 counties.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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