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I write in opposition to the proposed amendments to CrR 3.2 and CrRLJ 3.2

The current rules allow the trial court the discretion to set an appearance bond, rather than secured bond, when a court deems that an appearance bond is sufficient to address the risks of failure to appear, future violence, or interference with the administration of justice. The proposed rule amendment mandates that trial courts allow defendants to satisfy bail by posting only 10 percent without security. By effectively reducing any bail amount by 90 percent and limiting forfeiture to the 10 percent posted, it weakens the deterrent effect of bail and diminishes accountability for defendants who flee or violate release conditions. This is especially true because the proposed amendment does not impose liability for the remaining 90 percent should a defendant flee or otherwise violate conditions of release.

While we should continue to examine Washington's pretrial release options to ensure that they balance needs for community safety with the issues raised by the proponents, this proposed rule change does not adequately balance those needs.

I urge the Court to reject the proposed changes to CrR 3.2 and CrRLJ 3.2.

Respectfully,
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