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The proposed change to CrR 3.2 should be denied.

By reducing the bail or bond set by the Court, by 90% without requiring security or collateral would gravely impact the administration of justice, lessen the appearance of the accused at required court proceedings and put the community at greater risk of being victims of violent crimes.

The reason for having a security or collateral at risk to the defendant's continued hold or appearance at future hearings is to support the importance of their participation in the administration of justice. If the defendant does not have any risk, if they have nothing to lose by skipping out of their duty to appear, the administration of justice cannot proceed in a timely fashion. If the defendant follows the Court orders, the process of working through the criminal court system works so much more smoothly. Having a defendant with some other reason, some security or collateral at risk, gives a greater sense of motivation and reason to show up and work to build better behavioral habits. Without any risk at not participating, they will more than likely continue to break rules, break the law and put more and more of the law abiding citizens at risk of becoming a victim to individuals who do not have any reason to curtail their activity and/or take responsibility for the crimes they may have already committed. Bail set with an actual risk of loss to the defendant keeps them involved in their hearings and motivated to succeed with completion of the trial process.



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