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Greetings,

The current caseload limits are manageable for those of us working in Pierce and Thurston County. The problem is that King County's administration is so dysfunctional that it takes an absurd amount of time to get anything accomplished up there. Fixing King County's bad policies would do the most to fix this situation.

Those in rural Washington are going to struggle further to find the attorneys to manage these caseloads. This will mean courts will have to deny more public defenders to low income clients

It is true that bodycameras have increased the time spent reviewing evidence, but dramatic caseload modifications will not promote justice where I work.

Thank you

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