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As to the proposed changes to CrR 4.1, specifically reducing the arraignment period from 14 days to 3 days, the Court should consider whether, with the reduction in caseload standards, three days is sufficient time for the public defenders' offices to appoint attorneys and have adequate time to review the case before arraignment. Notably, defendants have, prior to arraignment, been granted a first appearance with a first appearance attorney, and had the opportunity to argue for bail and release conditions, so the lengthier period permitted for arraignment allows a defendant the time to obtain private counsel or be appointed a public defender and consult with them before arraignment.

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