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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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For business meeting on July 17, 2026

Report to the Legislature: Electronic Recording Equipment

Judicial Council Report Details

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Executive Summary

Under Government Code section 69958, the Judicial Council is required to report to the Legislature semiannually on the purchase and lease of any electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. For the reporting period of July 1 through December 31, 2025, two superior courts reported a combined total of \$26,251 for the purchase or lease of electronic recording equipment or related items. In May 2026, Judicial Council staff submitted the Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (July 1 through December 31, 2025) to the Legislature.

Relevant Previous Reporting or Action

This report is submitted to the Legislature semiannually. Reports from previous fiscal years are available on the [“Reports to the Legislature” webpage](#) of the California Courts website.

Analysis/Rationale

Government Code section 69957(a) allows the purchase or lease of electronic recording equipment for limited civil, misdemeanor, and infraction cases. Additionally, Government Code section 69957(b) allows the trial courts to use electronic recording equipment for the purpose

of monitoring the performance of subordinate judicial officers, hearing officers, and temporary judges. Lastly, Government Code section 69957(c) requires the courts to obtain advance approval from the Judicial Council before purchasing or leasing any such equipment. Approval is subject to the equipment being used in the manner and for the purposes authorized under this section.

The semiannual submission of this report to the Legislature is required under Government Code section 69958. The statute requires that each superior court report to the Judicial Council the purchase and lease of all electronic recording equipment that will be used to record court proceedings, specifying all of the following:

- The superior court in which the equipment will be used;
- The types of trial court proceedings in which the equipment will be used;
- The cost of purchasing, leasing, or upgrading the equipment; and
- The type of equipment purchased or leased.

For this reporting period, two superior courts reported a combined total of \$26,251 for the purchase or lease of electronic recording equipment or related items (see Attachment A):

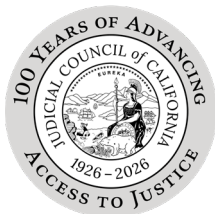
- Placer court: \$14,780 for use in infraction, limited civil, and misdemeanor case types.
- San Benito court: \$11,471 for use in misdemeanor case types.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

The requirements of this report do not result in any additional costs or operational impacts.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (July 1 through December 31, 2025)*



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*Re: Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by
Superior Courts (July 1 through December 31, 2025), as required by
Government Code section 69958*

Dear Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Contreras, and Ms. Parker:

Under Government Code section 69958, the Judicial Council is submitting the semiannual *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts* for the reporting period of July 1 through December 31, 2025.

For this reporting period, two superior courts reported a combined total of \$26,251 for the purchase or lease of electronic recording equipment or related items (see Appendix A):

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If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Jessica Devencenzi, Principal Advisor, Policy and Research, Judicial Council, at 916-263-1374.

Sincerely,



Michelle Curran
Administrative Director
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Enclosures

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REPORT OF ELECTRONIC RECORDING EQUIPMENT PURCHASED OR LEASED BY SUPERIOR COURTS¹

Reporting Period: July through December 2025

Please return the completed report form to TCElectronicRecording@courts.ca.gov.

COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: Placer Superior Court

Phone: 916-408-6108

Date: 3/30/2026

Court Contact: Ryan Down

Email: rdown@placer.courts.ca.gov

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease equipment for use in a court proceeding? Yes

If "Yes," please provide the information requested below.

EQUIPMENT, CASE TYPE, AND USE DETAILS (INSERT ADDITIONAL LINES AS NEEDED)

# of Items	Include type, make, and model of equipment	Include what the equipment is or will be used for	Indicate types of court proceedings for use	Indicate if leased or purchased	If purchased: include total purchase cost	If leased: include total cost over lease term	Total purchase and/or lease cost
4	FTR Gold Recording Suite 7.7	Official Record	Limited Civil, Misdemeanors, Infractions	Purchased	\$ 14,780	\$ -	\$ 14,780
Totals	-	-	-	-	\$ 14,780	\$ -	\$ 14,780

¹ Under Government Code section 69958.



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COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: San Benito

Phone: 8315378147

Date: 3/19/2026

Court Contact: Ted Shaw

Email: tshaw@sanbenito.courts.ca.gov

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease equipment for use in a court proceeding?

Yes

If "Yes," please provide the information requested below.

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3	Crestron CP4N	Official Record	Misdemeanors	Purchased	\$ 8,194	\$ -	\$ 8,194
2	Shure qlxd24	Official Record	Misdemeanors	Purchased	3,278	-	3,278
Totals	-	-	-	-	\$ 11,471	\$ -	\$ 11,471

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