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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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For business meeting on: January 21–22, 2021

Title

Report to the Legislature: Electronic
Recording Equipment

Submitted by

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Agenda Item Type

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Executive Summary

Government Code section 69958 requires the Judicial Council 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. During the January 1 through June 30, 2020 reporting period, two courts spent a combined total of \$54,247 for equipment or related items.

Relevant Previous Council Action

These reports are submitted to the Legislature semiannually. Previous reports can be found at the California Courts website “Legislative Report” webpage at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

Analysis/Rationale

Government Code 69957(a) allows the purchase and or lease of electronic recording equipment for limited civil, misdemeanor, infraction, and small claims cases. Additionally, 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.

During the January 1 through June 30, 2020 reporting period, two courts spent a combined total of \$54,247 for equipment or related items. The Superior Court of Monterey County spent \$2,795 to purchase a For the Record (FTR) Gold Recording Suite software license. This purchase,

approved by Judicial Council staff, is for official court records in truancy case types (see Attachment A). The Superior Court of Placer County spent \$51,452 to purchase computers, laptops, and FTR Gold Recording Suite software licenses. These purchases, approved by Judicial Council staff, are for official court records in all nontrial case types, except felonies (see Attachment B).

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:

- (a) The superior court in which the equipment will be used.
- (b) The types of trial court proceedings in which the equipment will be used.
- (c) The cost of purchasing, leasing, or upgrading the equipment.
- (d) The type of equipment purchased or leased.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

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

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by the Superior Court of Monterey County (January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020)*
2. Attachment B: *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by the Superior Court of Placer County (January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020)*



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Re: Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020), as required by Government Code section 69958

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

Pursuant to Government Code 69958, the Judicial Council is submitting the *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts*, for the reporting period of January 1 through June 30, 2020.

Government Code 69957(a) allows the purchase or lease of electronic recording equipment for limited civil, misdemeanor, infraction, and small claims cases. The report specifies the name of the court, types of proceedings for which the equipment will be used, cost of the equipment, and types of equipment purchased or leased.

Additionally, Government Code section 69957(c) requires the courts to obtain advance approval from the Judicial Council before purchasing or

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leasing any such equipment. Approval is subject to the equipment being used only in the manner and for the purposes authorized under this section.

During the January 1 through June 30, 2020 reporting period, two courts spent a combined total of \$54,247 for equipment or related items.

The Superior Court of Monterey County spent \$2,795 to purchase a For the Record (FTR) Gold Recording Suite software license. This purchase, approved by Judicial Council staff, is for official court records in truancy case types. An itemized list can be found in Attachment A.

The Superior Court of Placer County spent \$51,452 to purchase computers, laptops, and FTR Gold Recording Suite software licenses. These purchases, approved by Judicial Council staff, are for official court records in all nontrial case types, except felonies. An itemized list can be found in Attachment B.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Ms. Fran Mueller, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Budget Services, at 916-263-5771.

Sincerely,

Martin Hoshino
Administrative Director
Judicial Council

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**Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts
Jan 1, 2020 through Jun 30, 2020**

Superior Court:	Monterey
Contact Name:	Maria Gonzalez
Contact Telephone Number:	831-775-5595
Contact E-Mail Address:	maria.gonzalez@monterey.courts.ca.gov
Date Form Was Completed:	7/24/2020

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease electronic recording equipment for use in a superior court proceeding? YES NO
 If checked "YES" please provide the information requested below.

Please return the completed report form to jcbudgets@jud.ca.gov by Friday, July 24, 2020.

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G	Column H	Column I
Indicate type, make, and number of equipment purchased or leased	Indicate types of court proceedings in which the equipment is or will be used	Indicate what the equipment is or will be used for	Was the equipment leased or purchased? (L or P)	Is this a replacement or upgrade of existing equipment? (Y or N)	Total purchase cost	If lease: Total cost over the term of the lease	Total purchase and/or lease cost (F + G)	Comments
FTR Gold 6.2 Recording Suite	Truancy	license	P	N	\$ 2,795	\$ -	\$ 2,795	Purchased license
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Total:					\$ 2,795	\$ -	\$ 2,795	

**Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts
Jan 1, 2020 through Jun 30, 2020**

Superior Court:	Placer
Contact Name:	Ryan Down
Contact Telephone Number:	(916) 408-6108
Contact E-Mail Address:	rdown@placer.courts.ca.gov
Date Form Was Completed:	7/21/2020

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease electronic recording equipment for use in a superior court proceeding? YES NO
If checked "YES" please provide the information requested below.

Please return the completed report form to jcbudgets@jud.ca.gov by Friday, July 24, 2020.

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Dell Precision 3431 Desktop computers (Qty 12)	Multiple	Suite for in courtroom recordings	P	N	\$ 10,370	\$ -	\$ 10,370	System installed in every courtroom, therefore, is used in all non-trial case types except felonies
Microsoft Surface Pro 7 Laptops (Qty 12)	Multiple	Suite for in courtroom recordings	P	N	\$ 7,542	\$ -	\$ 7,542	System installed in every courtroom, therefore, is used in all non-trial case types except felonies
FTR Gold Recording Suite licenses (Qty 12)	Multiple	Suite for in courtroom recordings	P	N	\$ 33,540	\$ -	\$ 33,540	System installed in every courtroom, therefore, is used in all non-trial case types except felonies
					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Purchases made pursuant to Emergency Rule 3 Related to COVID-19
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Total:					\$ 51,452	\$ -	\$ 51,452	