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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Title

Report to the Legislature: Electronic
Recording Equipment

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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 reporting period of July 1 through December 31, 2020, five courts reported spending a combined total of \$242,214 for equipment or related items.

Relevant Previous Council Action

These reports are submitted to the Legislature semiannually. Previous reports can be found on the “Legislative Report” page of the California Courts website 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.

From July 1 through December 31, 2020, five courts spent a combined total of \$242,214 for equipment or related items. All items were approved by Judicial Council staff.

The Superior Court of Mendocino County spent \$4,320 to purchase a For the Record (FTR) Gold software license for official court records in misdemeanor, infraction, limited civil, and small claims case types (see Attachment A).

The Superior Court of Nevada County spent \$10,590 to purchase two Notewise Audio Plus P306B 4 Channel bundles for official court records in misdemeanor and infraction case types (see Attachment B).

The Superior Court of San Bernardino County spent \$65,000 to purchase 41 Microsoft Surface GOs, 41 Surface docking stations, and 41 FTR Gold software licenses for official court records in misdemeanor, infraction, limited civil, traffic, and small claims case types (see Attachment C).

The Superior Court of San Francisco County spent \$104,373 to purchase 26 digital signal processors, recording software, and annotation modules for official court records in misdemeanor, infraction, limited civil, and small claims case types (see Attachment D).

The Superior Court of San Mateo County spent \$57,931 to purchase recording equipment and software for official court records in misdemeanor and unlawful detainer case types (see Attachment E).

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.
- 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 Mendocino County* (July 1–December 31, 2020)
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Re: Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (July 1 through December 31, 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 semiannual *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts*, for the reporting period of July 1 through December 31, 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.

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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

July 2020 to December 2020

Superior Court:	Mendocino
Contact Name:	Robert Parrott
Contact Telephone Number:	707/463-4009
Contact E-Mail Address:	robert.parrott@mendocino.courts.ca.gov
Date Form Was Completed:	1/15/2021

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 budgets@jud.ca.gov

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 software	Misdemeanor, infraction, limited civil, small claims cases	Software only	P	Y	\$ 4,320	\$ -	\$ 4,320	Software purchase only, installed on a Surface Pro we already owned, using mics and mixer already owned.
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Total:					\$ 4,320	\$ -	\$ 4,320	

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July 2020 to December 2020

Superior Court:	Nevada
Contact Name:	Theresa Lambert
Contact Telephone Number:	530-362-5267
Contact E-Mail Address:	theresa.lambert@nccourt.net
Date Form Was Completed:	3/4/2021

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.

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Notewise Audio Plus P306B 4 Channel Bundle x2	Infraction and Misdemeanor	Official record of proceedings.	L	N		\$ 10,590	\$ 10,590	Full amount paid upfront. Equipment will be retained by court at end of lease if we purchase support. Total cost includes \$150 shipping.
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Total:					\$ -	\$ 10,590	\$ 10,590	

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Superior Court:	San Francisco
Contact Name:	Sue Wong
Contact Telephone Number:	415.551.5757
Contact E-Mail Address:	suewong@sffc.org
Date Form Was Completed:	3/1/2021

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.

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26 units - For The Record equipment type	Small Claims, Limited Civil, Infractions, Misdemeanors	Recording Softwar and Annotation Module	P	Y	\$ 104,373	\$ -	\$ 104,373	These units are replacements for original electronic recording equipment purchased in 2011-12 and 2012-13.
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Total:					\$ 104,373	\$ -	\$ 104,373	

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Superior Court:	San Mateo
Contact Name:	Rick Walery
Contact Telephone Number:	650-261-5182
Contact E-Mail Address:	rwalery@sanmateocourt.org
Date Form Was Completed:	12/31/2020

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.

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Biamp, Tesira Forte VT, qty. 4	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Audio Signal Processor (DSP)	P	N	\$ 8,600	\$ -	\$ 8,600	Courtroom J, K, L and P
Biamp, HD-1 teleconferencing dialer, qty. 4	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Teleconferencing dialer/controller	P	N	\$ 2,184	\$ -	\$ 2,184	Courtroom J, K, L and P
Shure, QLX-D2/SM58 wireless microphone and components, qty. 4	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Wireless microphone and components	P	N	\$ 5,580	\$ -	\$ 5,580	Courtroom J, K, L and P
Audio Technica, 18" wired microphones and components, qty. 16	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Wired microphone	P	N	\$ 4,896	\$ -	\$ 4,896	Courtroom J, K, L and P
Audio Technica, 24" wired microphones and components, qty. 12	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Wired microphone	P	N	\$ 3,672	\$ -	\$ 3,672	Courtroom J, K, L and P
Microphone mounts	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Wired microphone components	P	N	\$ 2,260	\$ -	\$ 2,260	Courtroom J, K, L and P
1/2 RU 2 Channel ENERGY STAR amplifier	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Amplifier	P	N	\$ 2,700	\$ -	\$ 2,700	Courtroom J, K, L, N, P and 4A
Pennelcom, R6406-1032 equipment rack and components, qty. 4	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Low-profile 6RU Equipment Rack	P	N	\$ 1,946	\$ -	\$ 1,946	Courtroom J, K, L and P
FTR, XLR to Phoenix Adapter Cable 18", qty. 48	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	XLR to Phoenix Adapter Cable	P	N	\$ 980	\$ -	\$ 980	Courtroom J, K, L and P
AT, AT-8314-25 25' microphone extension cable, qty. 24	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	25' microphone extension cable	P	N	\$ 480	\$ -	\$ 480	Courtroom J, K, L and P
AT, AT-8314-50 50' microphone extension cable, qty. 12	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	50' microphone extension cable	P	N	\$ 360	\$ -	\$ 360	Courtroom J, K, L and P
AT, ATHM3X headphones, qty. 8	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Monitoring headphonesw	P	N	\$ 176	\$ -	\$ 176	Courtroom J, K, L and P
FTR, PHP13799HZ10ZE recording clock, qty. 4	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Recording clock	P	N	\$ 2,040	\$ -	\$ 2,040	Courtroom J, K, L and P
Stellar Labs, Ground loop isolator, qty. 4	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Ground loop isolator	P	N	\$ 44	\$ -	\$ 44	Courtroom J, K, L, N, P and 4A
FTR, FTR Gold 6 Recording Suite software, qty. 4	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	FTR Gold 6 Recording Suite	P	N	\$ 3,980	\$ -	\$ 3,980	Courtroom J, K, L and P
FTR, FTR Gold 6 Monitoring Suite software, qty. 1	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	FTR Gold 6 Monitoring Suite	P	N	\$ 1,295	\$ -	\$ 1,295	Courtroom J, K, L and P
SafCord, Velcro based cable covering, qty. 4	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Velcro based cable covering	P	N	\$ 3,840	\$ -	\$ 3,840	Courtroom J, K, L and P
Wiremold cable management, qty. 4	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Wiremold cable management	P	N	\$ 9,216	\$ -	\$ 9,216	Courtroom J, K, L and P
Panduit, conduit cabling, qty. 4	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	Conduit cabling	P	N	\$ 422	\$ -	\$ 422	Courtroom J, K, L and P
Dell OptiPlex 5070 MFF PC with mouse and keyboard, qty. 4	Misdemeanor/ Unlawful detainer	PC	P	N	\$ 3,260	\$ -	\$ 3,260	Courtroom J, K, L and P
							\$ 57,931	