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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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For business meeting on: January 20, 2023

Title

Report to the Legislature: Electronic
Recording Equipment

Submitted by

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Agenda Item Type

Information Only

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Executive Summary

Pursuant to 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. During the reporting period of January 1 to June 30, 2022, four courts reported a combined total of \$279,951 for equipment or related items. On or before December 31, 2022, the Judicial Council's Budget Services staff submitted the *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (January 1 through June 30, 2022)*.

Relevant Previous Council Action

This report is submitted to the Legislature semiannually. Reports from previous fiscal years are available on the California Courts website "Legislative Reports" webpage at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

Analysis/Rationale

Government Code section 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 January 1 through June 31, 2022, four courts reported a combined total of \$279,951 for the purchase or lease of equipment or related items:

- Butte Superior Court obligated \$245,496 for the full lease term of electronic recording equipment for use in misdemeanor case types and possibly other case types as authorized by law (see Attachment A).
- Colusa Superior Court spent \$8,880 to purchase electronic recording equipment for use in limited civil, misdemeanor, infraction, and small claims case types (see Attachment B).
- Merced Superior Court spent \$10,929 to purchase electronic recording equipment for use in limited civil, misdemeanor, infraction, and small claims case types (see Attachment C).
- San Mateo Superior Court spent \$14,646 to purchase electronic recording equipment for use in misdemeanor, unlawful detainer, and jury trial case types (see Attachment D).

The semiannual submission of this report to the Legislature is required pursuant to 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.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

None.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (GC 69957): January 2022 through June 2022 (Butte)*
2. Attachment B: *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (GC 69957): January 2022 through June 2022 (Colusa)*
3. Attachment C: *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (GC 69957): January 2022 through June 2022 (Merced)*
4. Attachment D: *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (GC 69957): January 2022 through June 2022 (San Mateo)*



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December 31, 2022

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Re: Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (January 1 through June 30, 2022) 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 January 1 through June 30, 2022.

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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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 only in the manner and for the purposes authorized under this section.

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Judicial Council Budget Services, at 916-263-1397.

Sincerely,



Martin Hoshino
Administrative Director
Judicial Council

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Enclosures

1. Attachment A: *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (GC 69957): January 2022 through June 2022 (Butte)*

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cc: Eric Dang, Counsel, Office of Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins
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REPORT OF ELECTRONIC RECORDING EQUIPMENT PURCHASED OR LEASED BY SUPERIOR COURTS (GC 69957)

Reporting Period: January 2022 through June 2022

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

Include the Judicial Council-approved Request to Purchase or Lease Electronic Recording Equipment form for what is being reported for this period.

COURT INFORMATION		
Court Name: Butte	Phone: 530-532-7152	Date: 14-Oct-22
Court Contact: Scott Miller	Email: smiller@buttecourt.ca.gov	

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease electronic recording equipment for use in a superior court proceeding?
 If "Yes," please provide the information requested below.

EQUIPMENT, CASETYPE, AND USE DETAILS (INSERT ADDITIONAL LINES AS NEEDED)											
# of Items	Indicate if this new equipment or replacement of existing equipment	Include type, make, and model of equipment purchased or leased	Indicate types of court proceedings in which the equipment is or will be used	If "Other" case type, please specify	Include what the equipment is or will be used for	If "Other" purpose, please specify	Indicate if the equipment was leased or purchased	If purchased: Include total purchase cost	If leased: Include total cost over the term of the lease	Total purchase and/or lease cost	Comments
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	New	FTR Gold Recording Suite	Misdemeanors	The court may extend the use of the system to other case types.	Official Record		Leased	\$ -	\$ 245,496	\$ 245,496	Our court is using For The Record Gold edition as a software-as-service (SaaS). The court's contract is valid for three years (with two one-year options to extend). The software uses the court's existing A/V infrastructure to capture and transcribe audio.
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Totals								\$ -	\$ 245,496	\$ 245,496	



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COURT INFORMATION		
Court Name: Colusa Superior Court	Phone: (530)458-0695	Date: 7/18/2022
Court Contact: Erika F. Valencia	Email: erika.valencia@colusa.courts.ca.gov	

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

Yes

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

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2	Replacement	Liberty Court Recording Solutions with Network Monitor & Control	Limited Civil, Misdemeanors, Infractions, Small Claims		Official Record		Purchased	\$ 8,880	\$ -	\$ 8,880	
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COURT INFORMATION		
Court Name: Merced Superior Court	Phone: 209-725-4156	Date: 8/2/2022
Court Contact: Keri Brasil	Email: Keri.Brasil@mercedcourt.org	

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

Yes

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

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3	New	FTR - Gold Suite	Misdemeanors, Other	Misdemeanors, Infractions, Small Claims, and Limited Civil	Official Record		Purchased	\$ 10,929	\$ -	\$ 10,929	
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COURT INFORMATION		
Court Name: San Mateo	Phone: 650-261-5182	Date: 7/18/2022
Court Contact: Rick Walery	Email: rwalery@sanmateocourt.org	

For the reporting period, did the court purchase or lease electronic recording equipment for use in a superior court proceeding?
If "Yes," please provide the information requested below.

Yes

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6	New	LED Clock, PoE RED (AUDICUE-SYNC)	Misdemeanors, Other	Misdemeanor JTS and UDs	Official Record		Purchased	\$ 2,700	Not leased	\$ 2,700	6 POE clocks
6	New	Recording Suite 6.5 FTR Gold Software (PSP00199GR650E)	Misdemeanors, Other	Misdemeanor JTS and UDs	Official Record		Purchased	5,970	Not leased	5,970	
6	New	FTR Cloud Platform SaaS (PSSP101CP400E1)	Misdemeanors, Other	Misdemeanor JTS and UDs	Official Record		Purchased	5,976	Not leased	5,976	
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