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Summary

Following the final recommendations in the *Report to the Chief Justice: Commission on the Future of California's Court System*, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye directed the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) to consider for presentation to the Judicial Council the feasibility of a pilot project to allow remote appearances by parties, counsel, and witnesses for most noncriminal court proceedings and, where implemented, to report back on outcomes and make recommendations for statewide expansion. To that end, ITAC recommends the Judicial Council accept the report from its Remote Video Appearances Workstream. The report includes guidance for early-adopter courts and policy recommendations. The report represents only the beginning of the work to enable remote video appearances in California courts. ITAC and other interested advisory committees have continued development of policies for civil proceedings including circulating a legislative proposal for public comment. ITAC was also directed by the Judicial Council Technology Committee (JCTC) to explore remote appearances in criminal proceedings.

Recommendation

The Information Technology Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council accept the attached workstream report to satisfy the Chief Justice's directive resulting from the Future Commission's final report, effective September 25, 2020.

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