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Re: *Report on Purchase or Lease of Electronic Recording Equipment
by Superior Courts (July 1–December 31, 2014)* as required by
Government Code section 69958

Dear Ms. Boyer-Vine, Mr. Alvarez, and Mr. Wilson:

The Judicial Council respectfully submits this report, as required by Government Code section 69958, to provide information to the Legislature regarding superior court purchases and leases of electronic recording equipment during the period of July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014. As required by statute, for each purchase or lease of equipment, the report specifies the name of the court, the types of proceedings for which the equipment will be used, the cost of the equipment, and the types of equipment purchased or leased.

Government Code section 69957 requires the courts to obtain advance approval from the Judicial Council before purchasing or leasing any

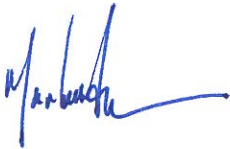
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electronic recording technology or equipment. Approval for purchase or lease of the equipment is subject to the equipment being used only in the manner and for the purposes authorized under that section. All 58 superior courts were surveyed regarding their purchase or lease of the equipment to ensure that all purchases were made with the required authorization. During the July 1 through December 31, 2014, period, one court made purchases of electronic equipment or related items for use in court proceedings. This court submitted a Request to Purchase form between July 1 and December 31, 2014, received authorization for its purchases, and subsequently made purchases. In addition to this court, one court submitted a request, but it was submitted only a week before the end of the period and so did not make the purchase period. Another court submitted a request, but authorization was not approved as the request did not meet the criteria.

The Superior Court of Tehama County spent \$5,405 to purchase four Dell Optiplex Workstations. The purchase was a replacement or upgrade to existing equipment. The equipment will be used to make an official record in small claims, limited civil, infractions, and misdemeanor cases.

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

Sincerely,



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(July 1–December 31, 2014)*

Statutory citation: Government Code section 69958

Date of report: April 22, 2015

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Government Code section 69958, which requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature, on a semiannual basis, regarding all purchases and leases of electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. The report must specify the name of the court, the types of proceedings for which the equipment will be used, the cost of the equipment, and the types of equipment purchased.

The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

For the period of July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, one court purchased or leased electronic recording equipment or related items at a total cost of \$5,405 to create an official record in various court proceedings or to monitor subordinate judicial officers in certain types of cases as authorized by law. Information about this transaction is discussed in the report.

The full report can be accessed here: www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 415-865-7553.