

Superior Court of the State of Washington
for the County of King

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King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

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Dwight Dively
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RE: Superior Court's 2011 Budget Proposal

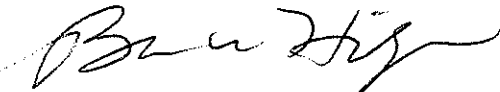
Dear Mr. Dively:

Enclosed is the Superior Court's 2011 Budget Proposal. The proposal is responsive to the request by your office, to provide a total reduction proposal of 12%. The information is consistent with the court's proposal provided to your office in late April. The court has divided its response into two parts. The first part of the budget submittal, identifies efficiencies and new revenues, totaling approximately 2% of the court's operating budget. The revenues are primarily associated with services provided in family and juvenile court. The identified efficiency defines a new method for summoning prospective jurors, resulting in reduced mileage reimbursement and per diem for jurors.

The second part of the Superior Court's budget submittal, representing approximately 10%, eliminates or significantly reduces primary Superior Court programs, or reduces base operation functions. These proposals are offered only because of the request from your office to identify 12% reductions. The identified services included in this second part of the court's budget submittal are essential to the inherent functioning of the court. The court believes cuts of this degree violate the required funding standards identified in In re Juvenile Director. Because reductions at this level would significantly impair Superior Court's ability to fairly and efficiently administer justice, such cuts are unacceptable to Superior Court.

The court looks forward to working with you. Please contact Paul Sherfey, Chief Administrative Officer, or me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Bruce W. Hilyer
Presiding Judge

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Enclosure