



Superior Court of the State of
Washington for King County

June 1, 2023

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits the report describing the new civil protection order process, as called for by Ordinance 19546 Section 35, Proviso P1, Subsection A, and a proposed motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report. In consultation with the Executive, we respectfully submit these items directly to the Council for review.

As required, the enclosed report outlines the new civil protection order process consistent with E2SHB 1320. The report includes a description of how the pilot program addresses the recommendations of the E2SHB 1320 Stakeholder Group, plans to expand language access for litigants, performance metrics for program assessment throughout the pilot period, stakeholder feedback for the program obtained prior to implementation, and a plan for soliciting stakeholder feedback during the pilot period.

The enclosed report demonstrates the progress that the Department of Judicial Administration (DJA) and King County Superior Court (KCSC) have made implementing the requirements of E2SHB 1320. As shown, collaborative development of the Civil Protection Order Pilot Program has resulted in changes to civil protection order procedures expected to improve the experiences of litigants navigating the civil protection order process. Enhancements include a new electronic portal for civil protection order submission; options to attend hearings in-person electronically or by phone; updated instructions with expanded language support; and streamlined civil protection order procedures.

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Thank you for your consideration of this report. We look forward to continuing to work with the Council to assure that the civil protection order services supported by DJA and KCSC advance our common goals of increasing community safety through improved accessibility and equity in the justice system.

Sincerely,



PATRICK OISHI

Presiding Judge

Enclosure

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