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Stephanie Kraft
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Stephanie Kraft, Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator

RE: Blake Decision Reimbursement for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025
with the Administrative Office of the Courts

DATE: July 23, 2024

Enclosed is an original of County Program Agreement for Blake Decision Reimbursement between the Administrative Office of the Courts and Whatcom County Superior Court.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County Superior Court has been resentencing and vacating convictions pursuant to the State V. Blake decision handed down by the Supreme Court. This contract provides funding to support these efforts.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The Administrative Office of the Courts will reimburse Whatcom County Superior Court up to a maximum of \$770,929 for the extraordinary judicial, prosecutorial and/or defense related costs of resentencing and vacating.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

The contract amount is \$67,038 less than the previous years contract reimbursement for court costs. Due to an email error, the amendment was reviewed and signed before going through the contract review process.

Please contact **Stephanie Kraft** at extension **5496**, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement,

Encl.