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Re: Report to the Legislature on Purchase and Lease of Electronic Recording Equipment by  
Superior Courts, as Required Under Government Code Section 69958

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

Attached is the Judicial Council report on the purchase and lease of recording equipment by  
superior courts for the period January 1 through June 30, 2011, as required under Government Code  
section 69958 (Sen. Bill 1102; Stats. 2004, ch. 227).

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Christine Patton, Regional Administrative Director, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Bay Area/Northern Coastal Region, at 415-865-4099.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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**Report title:** Report on Purchase and Lease of Electronic Recording Equipment by Superior Courts (January 1–June 30, 2011)

**Statutory citation:** Government Code section 69958

**Date of report:** August 26, 2011

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Government Code section 69958.

Government Code section 69958 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 January 1 through June 30, 2011, three courts purchased or leased electronic recording equipment or related items at a total cost of \$24,551 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 these transactions is discussed in the report.

The full report can be accessed here: [www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm).

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

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## Amended Report on Purchase and Lease of Electronic Recording Equipment by Superior Courts (January 1–June 30, 2011)

Government Code section 69958 requires superior courts to provide information to the Judicial Council and for the council to report, on a semiannual basis, to the Legislature regarding all purchases and leases of electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. For each purchase or lease of equipment, 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.

A recently enacted statute (Government Code section 69957) requires the courts to obtain advance approval from the Judicial Council before purchasing or leasing any electronic recording technology or equipment. Approval for purchase or lease of the equipment is subject to the equipment's being used only in the manner and for the purposes authorized under that section. During the January 1 to June 30, 2011, period, five courts submitted Request to Purchase forms and received authorization for their purchases. Two of these courts did not purchase equipment during this period and are therefore not included in this report. Because of the newness of the statutory requirement, we surveyed all 58 superior courts regarding their purchase or lease of the equipment to make sure that no purchases were made without authorization. Three courts indicated that they had purchased or leased electronic recording equipment or related items for use in court proceedings during this period. Information about these transactions is discussed below.

The Superior Court of Colusa County spent \$2,346 to purchase a Lanier LCR5D Advocate V recorder. The purchase was a replacement of old equipment and will be used to create an official record in infractions, limited civil, and small claims cases.

The Superior Court of Monterey County spent \$16,130 to purchase 10 FTR Reporter 5.4 upgrade licenses and 1 FTR The Record Manager software. This purchase was an upgrade or replacement of existing resources. The devices will be used to make an official record of proceedings in misdemeanor, infraction, limited civil and small claims cases.

The Superior Court of Tehama County spent \$6,075 to purchase one each 4-channel version Liberty Court Recorder software, Liberty Court Playback software, Rolls MX6/4 mixer, and ESI Umix 44 audio input device. The price also included installation and training and a support services package. The equipment was not an upgrade or replacement of existing equipment and will be used to create an official record in misdemeanor, infraction, limited civil, and small claims cases.

The total amount spent by these three superior courts on the purchase or lease of electronic recording equipment during this reporting period was \$24,551.