

Just a short update- as you may know, there was a lawsuit filed against I-940/HB 3003 by Tim Eyman contesting the process. The Thurston Co. Court ruled today that the legislature, in effect, did not actually enact I-940, and she ordered it on to the ballot this fall. She did not order the alternative, HB 3003, onto the ballot. She went out of her way to mention that the ruling was not about the improved language or policy and that she appreciated the problems it creates for law enforcement. This ruling has already been appealed by the legislature so it will now move to the Appellate Court.

Below is our public statement on the ruling- feel free to share as you see appropriate, or if you are asked. We have already heard from the De-Escalate initiative group and they agree that we want the improved language of HB 3003 to be law by the time we are done no matter what happens with all of the court outcomes- so we remain committed to the improved outcomes.

WASPC'S STATEMENT: We were disappointed with the Court's ruling today. While the court case is about the process, not the policy, these issues are critical to our community and our profession. Our focus, from day one, has been on reducing violent interactions and improving relationships with the community. Today's ruling may delay implementation of these positive changes in the community. As we discuss the challenges to the process, we encourage everyone to focus on our agreements, not our divisions. Building trust and improved relationships are too important. We will continue to work with the Initiative backers and legislators and remain committed to the improved language of HB 3003.

We just want to get this to you as soon as possible so you don't hear about it from somewhere else, or if you are asked about it. This is, again, about process and everyone involved is committed to making sure the law is the one we agreed upon. We expect a written summary of the Judge's ruling from our attorney on Monday and will send out more information next week.

Questions? Just let me know

Have a great weekend-

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