



## Better Alignment of Duties in the Recall Process

The role of County Clerk was established in the Washington State Constitution to serve the public interest by protecting the integrity, transparency and accessibility of the Superior Court, its records and finances. As an independent elected official, the clerk preserves for the public unrestrained access to a fair, accurate and independently established record of the opinions, decisions and judgments of the Court.



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### Sustainable Policies, Sustainable Counties

Counties provide constitutionally and statutorily directed state services to all of Washington's residents. The Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) is working to secure clear and sustainable policies to provide all 39 counties with the foundation to provide sustainable service levels to every Washingtonian. Our elected county officials provide direct services to citizens in support of their health, safety and financial well-being.

County Clerks seek legislation better aligning the roles of the County Clerk and court in regard to the recall process.



Transferring the role of posting hearing notices to judges, and shifting the certification of documents to the County Clerk would create a more timely recall process.

Currently, County Clerks are required to post a hearing notice for the recall process, while judges currently set the actual hearing dates and certify their judgement documents. This results in confusion and inefficiency for the system and citizens. The proposed legislation would transfer the role of posting a hearing notice to the judges, to create a more efficient system, while moving the certification of the documents to the County Clerk to align with the practices of other court proceedings and the statutory purpose of the County Clerk.

**By better aligning these roles, Washington residents can be assured that the recall process operates in a timely, transparent, and fair manner.**