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Amendment 2

to

CB 120007 – Right to Counsel for Evictions

Sponsor: CM Herbold

Requiring reporting on proceedings beyond show cause hearings

Amend the following as shown:

22.206.195 Right to legal counsel in eviction proceedings

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G. The attorney organization with whom the Director contracts shall report the number of cases and estimated attorney hours spent on court proceedings beyond or in lieu of representation at a show cause hearing or first appearance. The Council intends to consider this information in determining whether to amend this section 22.206.195.

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Effect: This amendment would require the organization with whom the City contracts to provide reporting on representation that occurs outside of the initial appearance or show cause hearing. In King County in 2018, only 11 of 8,981 eviction cases went to trial. With recent statewide and local eviction law reform, larger numbers of cases may be going to trial. This information would be added to other information reported as required by a contract and inform the Council about whether further legislative changes need to be made in the future to address any issues brought about by an increase the need for representation throughout a trial.