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Kristi Onstot
Executive Secretary
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State Capitol
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Re: Request for Payment of SVP Court Costs

Dear Kristi:

Our office requests Executive Council approval for payment under Iowa Code section 7D.10 for court costs and expenses incurred in prosecuting civil commitments under Iowa Code chapter 229A for the Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) program.

In addition to the cost of employee salaries, travel and support devoted to this program, the Office incurs substantial expenses for expert witnesses. These expenses have increased substantially due to the growing number of chapter 229A commitments. Section 7D.10 authorizes payment of court costs and expenses by the Executive Council "[i]f sufficient funds for court costs have not been appropriated to a state department, or if sufficient funds are not otherwise available for such purposes within the budget of a state department." There is no specific appropriation for these expenses and sufficient funds are not otherwise available.

Therefore, under Iowa Code section 7D.10, the Office requests Executive Council approval of payment of $33,523.00 for record review/report preparation (invoices enclosed).

Sincerely,

Steven Blankinship
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