

AB 218 – Court Reminders

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Why Missed Court Dates Matter

High Cost

- Each missed court date cost government over \$1,400.
- A missed court dates can cost defendants more than \$1,300.

Wasted Time

- Missed court dates create court backlogs.
- All system stakeholders time is wasted.

Severe Consequences

- Failure to appear can result in arrest.
- Fines and fees are often well over \$200.

By The Numbers

- Data on failure to appear is difficult to track.
- 1 in 6 felony cases nationally involve a missed court appearance.
- 4,200 FTAs on criminal charges during 2024 in just 6 NV Justice and Municipal Courts.
- FTA rates in some NV courts are higher than 35%.
- Traffic infractions have the highest noncompliance rate.

A Smart, Cost-Saving Solution for Nevada

Extensive Research

- Research studies show an average FTA reduction of 20-40% and as high as 61%
- Based in behavioral science.

Proven Success

- Colorado, New York and Texas have seen FTA reductions of up to 40%.
- New York saw 27% fewer FTAs in lower-income areas.

Cost Effective Solution

- Text capabilities already exist at the AOC and in many NV courts.
- A 20% reduction in FTAs in the 6 courts we have data for would save more than \$1M.

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Thank You

Questions?

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