

THE HONORABLE JUDGE DAVID G. ESTUDILLO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

GABRIELLA SULLIVAN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

-vs-

BOB FERGUSON, in his official capacity as
Washington State Attorney General, et al.,

Defendants.

NO. 3:22-cv-05403 DGE

DEFENDANTS ENRIGHT AND GESE'S
RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE

The trial court has inherent power to appoint its own expert to aid the court in resolving a scientific or technical issue. *G.K. Las Vegas Ltd. P'ship v. Simon Prop. Grp., Inc.*, 671 F. Supp. 2d 1203, 1224 (D. Nev. 2009). Should the Court determine that a court-appointed expert would assist the court in this case, Defendants Enright and Gese do not oppose such an appointment.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of February 2023.

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