
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1350

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By House Civil Rights & Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Kilduff, Irwin, Jenkins, Fey, Leavitt, and Ortiz-Self)

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1 AN ACT Relating to jurisdiction of temporary protection orders;
2 and amending RCW 10.14.150.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.14.150 and 2011 c 307 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The district courts shall have original jurisdiction and
7 cognizance of any civil actions and proceedings brought under this
8 chapter, except the district court shall transfer such actions and
9 proceedings to the superior court when it is shown that (a) the
10 respondent to the petition is under eighteen years of age; (b) the
11 action involves title or possession of real property; (c) a superior
12 court has exercised or is exercising jurisdiction over a proceeding
13 involving the parties; or (d) the action would have the effect of
14 interfering with a respondent's care, control, or custody of the
15 respondent's minor child.

16 (2) Municipal courts may exercise jurisdiction and cognizance of
17 any civil actions and proceedings brought under this chapter by
18 adoption of local court rule, except the municipal court shall
19 transfer such actions and proceedings to the superior court when it
20 is shown that (a) the respondent to the petition is under eighteen
21 years of age; (b) the action involves title or possession of real

1 property; (c) a superior court has exercised or is exercising
2 jurisdiction over a proceeding involving the parties; or (d) the
3 action would have the effect of interfering with a respondent's care,
4 control, or custody of the respondent's minor child.

5 (3) The civil jurisdiction of district and municipal courts under
6 this chapter is limited to the issuance and enforcement of temporary
7 orders for protection in cases that require transfer to superior
8 court under subsections (1) and (2) of this section. The district or
9 municipal court shall transfer the case to superior court after the
10 temporary order is entered.

11 (4) Superior courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction to receive
12 transfer of antiharassment petitions in cases where a district or
13 municipal court judge makes findings of fact and conclusions of law
14 showing that meritorious reasons exist for the transfer.

15 (5) The municipal and district courts shall have jurisdiction and
16 cognizance of any criminal actions brought under RCW 10.14.120 and
17 10.14.170.

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