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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) Superior courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction to receive  
6 transfer of antiharassment petitions in cases where a district or  
7 municipal court judge makes findings of fact and conclusions of law  
8 showing that meritorious reasons exist for the transfer. The  
9 municipal and district courts shall have jurisdiction and cognizance  
10 of any criminal actions brought under RCW 10.14.120 and 10.14.170,  
11 and the issuance and enforcement of temporary orders for protection  
12 provided under this chapter. When the jurisdiction of a district or  
13 municipal court is limited to the issuance and enforcement of a  
14 temporary order, the district or municipal court shall set the full  
15 hearing provided for in RCW 10.14.070 in superior court and transfer  
16 the case.

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