

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1460

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Law & Justice, April 1, 2025
Ways & Means, April 8, 2025

Title: An act relating to protection order hope cards.

Brief Description: Concerning protection order hope cards.

Sponsors: House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Griffey, Davis, Nance, Eslick and Pollet).

Brief History: Passed House: 3/11/25, 95-0.

Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 3/27/25, 4/01/25 [DPA-WM].

Ways & Means: 4/05/25, 4/08/25 [DPA, w/oRec].

Brief Summary of Amended Bill

- Requires that Hope Cards be in a scannable electronic format when the card issuer has the means and information available.
- Changes the information that is required to be included in Hope Cards.
- Prohibits charging fees for issuance of Hope Cards.
- Changes when and where Hope Cards may be obtained.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass as amended and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.
Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Member;
Fortunato, Lovick, Salomon, Torres, Valdez and Wagoner.

Staff: Patrick Moore (786-7535)

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Robinson, Chair; Stanford, Vice Chair, Operating; Trudeau, Vice Chair, Capital; Frame, Vice Chair, Finance; Gildon, Ranking Member, Operating; Torres, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Schoesler, Ranking Member, Capital; Dozier, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Hansen, Hasegawa, Kauffman, Muzzall, Pedersen, Riccelli, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman and Wilson, C..

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Saldaña.

Staff: Tianyi Lan (786-7432)

Background: Protection Orders. A person may petition a court for protection from harmful or threatening behavior in the form of several types of civil protection orders. These orders include domestic violence protection orders, sexual assault protection orders, stalking protection orders, vulnerable adult protection orders, and antiharassment protection orders.

A court may issue a temporary protection order or a full protection order. Temporary protection orders are orders that are issued before the court has decided whether to issue a full protection order and may be issued without prior notice to the respondent. Full protection orders are orders issued after notice has been provided to the respondent, and the parties have had the opportunity for a full hearing before the court, or the parties have agreed to resolve the petition without a hearing. When entering a full protection order, a court may grant relief to the petitioner for a fixed period of time or on a permanent basis.

When entering a protection order, a court may grant broad relief to protect the petitioner, including: restraining a respondent from having contact with or threatening another person, including minor children; excluding the respondent from certain locations or from coming within a specified distance of certain locations; and prohibiting the respondent from harassing, following, or monitoring the petitioner.

Hope Card Program. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) administers the Hope Card Program. Any person who has been issued a full, not temporary, domestic violence protection order, sexual assault protection order, stalking protection order, vulnerable adult protection order, or anti-harassment order may request a Hope Card from the clerk of the issuing court at any time from when the order is issued to the expiration of the order.

If feasible, the information stored in a scannable electronic format must include a digital record of the protection order as entered and provide access to the entire case history. A Hope Card has the same effect as the underlying protection order. A person requesting a Hope Card may not be charged a fee for the issuance of one original and one

duplicate card.

Summary of Amended Bill: The source of Hope Cards is changed to require that the clerk of the issuing court provide them upon request at the time a protection order is entered and that AOC provide them upon request thereafter. Hope Cards are required to be in a scannable, electronic format when the card issuer has the capability and information available. No fees may be charged for issuance of Hope Cards, regardless of number of cards. Subsequent Hope Cards can be requested after an initial Hope Card is issued. The amount of personal identifying information required to be on Hope Cards is reduced to names and dates of birth of the restrained person and the protected persons. Other information required to be available through Hope Cards is expanded to include more information about the underlying restraining order and orders prohibiting restrained persons from weapons.

EFFECT OF WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT(S):

- Requires that Hope Cards be issued in a scannable electronic format including certain information only when the card issuer has the capability and information to do so.
- Allows subsequent Hope Cards to be requested after an initial Hope Card is issued.

EFFECT OF LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT(S):

- Adds certain stakeholders for collaboration in development and implementation of the Hope Card Program.
- Requires a certain approach and priority for the Hope Card Program.
- Requires that Hope Cards be in a scannable electronic format.
- Requires that Hope Cards be available from the clerk of the issuing court at time of entry of a restraining order and from AOC thereafter.
- Requires more information be included in Hope Cards, such as further information on the underlying protection order and orders prohibiting the restrained person from weapons.
- Changes the definition of full protection order for purposes of the section.
- Removes the null and void clause.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Substitute House Bill (Law & Justice): *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* PRO: Over 800

Hope Cards have been issued this year. People are glad they can carry just a card rather than keeping with them a full copy of a protection order that may include many pages. Presently required personal identification details are not available in some cases, so there is a change that this bill implements making inclusion of those details permissive rather than mandatory. Fees should not be charged for Hope Cards because these cards are typically used by people who need the most help. The Administrative Office of the Courts has taken on the task of issuing cards. To have each court clerk's office issue these would require a significant expense in purchasing card readers and card printers.

Persons Testifying (Law & Justice): PRO: Representative Dan Griffey, Prime Sponsor; Scott Ahlf, Administrative Office of the Courts.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (Law & Justice): No one.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Bill as Amended by Law & Justice (Ways & Means): *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* None.

Persons Testifying (Ways & Means): No one.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (Ways & Means): No one.