



MEMORANDUM

July 27, 2025

TO: Judicial and Legal Community
FROM: Wendy Lamar, AOC Sr. Legal Analyst
RE: Summary of Changes for Protection Order Forms (July 2025)

The table below outlines changes to the Protection Order forms based on ESSB 5202, chapter 7.105 RCW, and comments.

Table with 3 columns: Form, Summary. Row 1: PO 001 Petition for Protection Order. Row 2: POi 001 Instructions for Petition for Protection Order. Row 3: PO 014 Order Re Waiver.

	of Filing Fees and Surcharges – Harassment	
4.	PO 030 Temporary Protection Order and Hearing Notice	Changes: (1) In caption, added “Service: 11” based on comment. (2) In section 5.A. “Basis”, added “(Specify) _____” based on <i>Reedal v. Khaki</i> and consistent with CR 52(a)(1) . (3) In section 11 “Required”, added “[] Personal service by law enforcement is required because (<i>check all that apply</i>): [] Order to Surrender and Prohibit Weapons [] Restrained person must vacate shared residence [] Child custody transfer ordered [] Restrained person is incarcerated [] Other” and “[] Electronic service as authorized by RCW 7.105.150” based on comment. Also moved alternative service allowed language above “Clerk’s Action” paragraph. (4) In section 11 “Clerk’s action”, added “but protected person is only responsible for service if checked above” to the sentence “The court clerk shall also provide a copy of the service packet to the protected person” based on comment. (5) In footer, updated publication date.
5.	PO 034 Reissuance of Temporary Order and Notice of Hearing	Changes: (1) In caption, added “Select one only” for consistency across forms and based on comment. (2) In section 4, added protected person’s lawyer, petitioner, and restrained person’s lawyer based on comment and consistency across forms. (3) In footer, updated publication date.
6.	PO 044 Judgment	Changes: (1) In caption, corrected spelling of “Judgment.” (2) In section 1, added “Payment is due within ___ days (immediately unless otherwise directed) of the entry of this Judgment.” based on comment. (3) In footer, updated publication date.
7.	PO 050 Motion for Renewal of Protection Order	Changes: (1) In caption and title of form below caption, changed name of form to “Motion to Renew Protection Order” for clarity. (2) In footer, updated name of form and publication date.
8.	PO 052 Petition and Motion to Renew Protection Order – Protected Minor	This is a new form to implement ESSB 5202 section 3(1) and (10).
9.	PO 054 Order Setting Hearing on Renewal and	Changes: (1) In section 1, updated name to “Motion to Renew Protection Order,” added “or Petition and Motion to Renew Protection Order-Protected Minor,” and “or expired” based on ESSB 5202 section 3(1) and (10). (2) In footer, updated publication date.

	Extending Order Until Hearing	
10.	PO 056 Order Renewing Protection Order	Changes: (1) In caption, added “Select one only.” based on comment and for consistency across forms. (2) In section 1, updated name of Motion to Renew Protection Order. Added “Petition and Motion to Renew Protection Order-Protected Minor” based on ESSB 5202 section 3(1) and (10). (3) In footer, updated publication date.
11.	PO 062 Notice of Hearing	<p>Changes: (1) In caption, replaced form name with “Order Scheduling Hearing about a Protection Order,” changed code to ORH, added “(<i>Select only one</i>),” added check boxes and list of protection order types, and added “Clerk’s Action Required: 1, 4.” (2) Removed existing notice of hearing language and added this language to change form to an order, “Information on how to attend the next court hearing is at the end of this order.</p> <p>Order Scheduling Hearing about a Protection Order To the Court Clerk and all parties:</p> <p>1. The court has scheduled a hearing for: (<i>date</i>): _____ at (<i>time</i>): ____ [] a.m. [] p.m. See How to Attend at the end of this order.</p> <p>2. The purpose of this hearing is (<i>check one</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Protection Order (no Temporary Protection Order issued) <input type="checkbox"/> Motion to Renew Protection Order <input type="checkbox"/> Motion to Modify or Terminate Protection Order filed by a protected person <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>):</p> <p>3. Service on the Restrained Person The restrained person must be served with a service packet, including a copy of this notice, the petition or motion, and any supporting materials filed with the petition or motion. <input type="checkbox"/> The law enforcement agency where the restrained person lives or can be served shall serve the restrained person with the service packet and shall promptly complete and return proof of service to this court. Law enforcement agency: (<i>county or city</i>) _____ (<i>check only one</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff’s Office or <input type="checkbox"/> Police Department <input type="checkbox"/> Personal service by law enforcement is required because (<i>check all that apply</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> Order to Surrender and Prohibit Weapons <input type="checkbox"/> Restrained person must vacate shared residence <input type="checkbox"/> Child custody transfer ordered <input type="checkbox"/> Restrained person is incarcerated <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic service as authorized by RCW 7.105.150. <input type="checkbox"/> The protected person (or person filing on their behalf) shall make</p>

		<p>private arrangements for service and have proof of service returned to this court. (This is not an option if this order requires: weapon surrender, vacating a shared residence, transfer of child custody, or if the restrained person is incarcerated. In these circumstances, law enforcement must serve unless the court allows alternative service.) <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Service Allowed. The court authorizes alternative service by separate order (<i>specify</i>): 4. Clerk’s Action. The court clerk shall forward a service packet on or before the next judicial day to the agency and/or party checked above. The court clerk shall also provide a copy of the service packet to the protected person but the protected person is only responsible for service if checked above.” (3) Added “How to Attend Hearing” grid, judicial officer signature lines, and party and attorney signature lines. (4) In footer, updated name of form and publication date.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>PO 063 Motion to Modify or Terminate Protection Order</p>	<p>Changes: (1) In section 4, added “Check one:” and “<input type="checkbox"/> I am asking the court to modify or terminate a Temporary Protection Order or other ex parte order that has not yet been served on the Restrained Person. I ask the court to decide this motion without advance notice to the Restrained Person (ex parte).” based on ESSB 5202 section 4(10). (2) In “Important!” box and the end of the form under “To the person filing this motion”, added “Exception! If you’re modifying or terminating a temporary order that has not been served on the restrained person, you don’t have to give advance notice of this motion (it can be heard ex parte).” based on ESSB 5202 section 4(10). (3) In footer, updated publication date.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>PO 066 Order Modifying or Termination Protection Order</p>	<p>Changes: (1) In caption, added “Select one only” for consistency across forms and based on comment. (2) In footer, updated publication date.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>PO 070 Denial Order</p>	<p>Changes: (1) In caption, added “Service: 6” based on comment. (2) In section 3.F. and G., added lines based on comment and consistent with RCW 7.105.225(5). (3) Created new section 5 and added WACIC and other data entry language based on comment. Renumbered remaining sections. (4) In section 6 “Required”, added “<input type="checkbox"/> service packet including a copy of this order, the petition, and any supporting materials filed with the petition <input type="checkbox"/>” based on comment. (5) In section 6 “Required” law-enforcement checkbox, added “<input type="checkbox"/> the service packet <input type="checkbox"/>” based on comment. Also added personal service and electronic service language based on comment, “<input type="checkbox"/> Personal service by law enforcement is required because (<i>check all that apply</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> Order to Surrender and Prohibit Weapons <input type="checkbox"/> Restrained person must vacate shared residence <input type="checkbox"/> Child custody transfer ordered <input type="checkbox"/> Restrained person is incarcerated</p>

		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic service as authorized by RCW 7.105.150.” Moved the alternative-service language above the “Clerk’s Action” paragraph. (6) In section 7 law-enforcement checkbox, added “[<input type="checkbox"/>] the service packet [<input type="checkbox"/>]” based on comment. (7) In footer, updated publication date.</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>PO Brochure</p>	<p>Changes: (1) In “remember”, added “5. Set a 90-day reminder prior to the expiration of your final order so that you are aware of when you are eligible to file for a motion for renewal.” based on comment. (2) Under “How is a DVPO renewed?”, replaced “permanent” with “lifetime order” for clarity and added “If a protected minor reaches the age of 18 while the order is in effect, the minor may file for renewal. If a protected minor reaches the age of 18 after the expiration of the order, the minor has 1 year from the expiration of the order to file for renewal.” based on ESSB 5202 section 10(a) and (b). (3) Under “How is a SAPO renewed?”, replaced “permanent” with “a lifetime order” for clarity and added “If a protected minor reaches the age of 18 while the order is in effect, the minor may file for renewal. If a protected minor reaches the age of 18 after the expiration of the order, the minor has 1 year from the expiration of the order to file for renewal.” based on ESSB 5202 section 10(a) and (b). (4) Under “How is an AHPO renewed?”, replaced “permanent” with “a lifetime order” for clarity and added “If a protected minor reaches the age of 18 while the order is in effect, the minor may file for renewal. If a protected minor reaches the age of 18 after the expiration of the order, the minor has 1 year from the expiration of the order to file for renewal.” based on ESSB 5202 section 10(a) and (b). (5) Under “How is a SPO renewed?”, replaced “permanent” with “a lifetime order” for clarity and added “If a protected minor reaches the age of 18 while the order is in effect, the minor may file for renewal. If a protected minor reaches the age of 18 after the expiration of the order, the minor has 1 year from the expiration of the order to file for renewal.” based on ESSB 5202 section 10(a) and (b). (6) In footer, updated publication date.</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>Protection Order Staff Handbook</p>	<p>Changes: (1) In I.B.1. “Types of Protection Orders,” “Antiharassment Protection Order”, added “or single act or threat of violence” and footer 11 “A single act or threat of violence must serve no lawful purpose and would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress, and must actually cause substantial emotional distress to the petitioner. A single threat of violence must include an intentional and malicious threat as described in RCW 9A.36.010(1)(c) or the presence of a firearm or other weapon. RCW 7.105.010(36)(b).” consistent with RCW 7.105.010(36)(b). (2) In I.C.3. Hearings (d) (page 10), added the missing statute hyperlink. (3) In I.C.5.(a) “Reissuance of temporary protection orders” (page 11), added “A judicial officer presiding over full hearings who are reissuing temporary protection orders under RCW 7.105.200 may modify the</p>

	<p>terms of the ex parte order to remedy an error or based on the facts of the case.” based on ESSB 5202 section 4(11). (4) In I.C.5.(b) “Renewal of full orders” (page 11), added “A minor protected under a protection order who reaches the age of 18 may file to renew the order as petitioner. Upon reaching the age of 18, the minor has up to 1 year from the expiration date of the order to file for renewal. The clerk must issue a new cause number for any renewal involving a formerly protected minor.” based on ESSB 5202 section 3(10). (5) In I.C.7.(a) “Generally” (page 14), added “A protected person may file a motion to modify or terminate a temporary protection order without notice to the restrained person if the restrained person has not yet been served.” based on ESSB 5202 section 4(10). (6) In II.A.2. “Option for Local Modification” (page 15), added “ However, court clerks should not make an assessment of the merits of a petitioner’s petition for a protection order or refuse to accept for filing any petition that meets the basic procedural requirements. RCW 7.105.120(3). Local jurisdictions cannot require duplicative forms RCW 7.105.105(13). If you have a suggestion for improving the standard state forms, please submit a comment to the Pattern Forms Committee at https://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.formsComments.” based on comment and consistent with cited statutes. (7) In II.B.2.(a.) (page 16), replaced “Providing Help with Forms” with “Providing Assistance” and removed “vii. Writing a clear Statement can be difficult. To help the petitioners organize their thoughts you may want to suggest the following format: 1. Dates and times: It is better to say “On Saturday, May 5 at 10:00 p.m., Joe held me down with his body weight and forced me to have sex in my living room” rather than “Joe assaulted me.” 2. Description: It is better to say “Joe forced me to touch his penis by grabbing my hand and forcing me to touch him there” rather than “Joe made me touch him.” 3. Exact words: If the respondent said something that caused the petitioner fear, try to use the respondent’s exact words. For example: It is better to say “Joe told me if I didn’t agree to have sex with him, he would hurt me.” He said, “If you don’t want to get hurt, you better keep quiet” rather than “Joe threatened me.”” based on comment. Renumbered remaining subsection. (8) In II.B.2.(b)(ii.) (page 17), added “completed (petitioners acting on behalf of another person may write their own full name and use only the other person’s initials in the caption);”. (9) In II.B.3.(a)(iii) (page 19), capitalized “Not”. (10) In II.B.3.(b) (page 19), removed “Again, your objective is to assist the party to either obtain their orders or respond to the petition as quickly and efficiently as possible.” and capitalized “Not” in heading. (11) In footer, updated publication date.</p>
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