

MEMORANDUM

March 31, 2026

TO: Judicial and Legal Community

FROM: Wendy Lamar, AOC Staff Attorney

RE: Summary of Changes to Protection Order Forms (March 2026)

The table below outlines changes to the Protection Order forms based on [ESSB 5202](#) and comments.

Protection Order Forms		
	Form	Summary
1.	PO 003 Law Enforcement and Confidential Information	Changes: (1) In section 1, added “Previous Names” based on comment. (2) In section 2, added “Previous Addresses” based on comment. (3) In section 4, added “Previous Names” and “Previous Addresses” based on comment. (4) In “Privacy Notice,” added “prosecutors’ offices” based on ESSB 5202 section 1(2). (5) In footer, updated publication date.
2.	PO 003R Law Enforcement and Confidential Information - Respondent	Changes: (1) In section 1, added “Previous Names” based on comment (see comment above). (2) In section 2, added “Previous Addresses” based on comment. (3) In “Privacy Notice,” added “prosecutors’ offices” based on ESSB 5202 section 1(2). (4) In footer, updated publication date.
3.	Court Staff Handbook on the Protection Order Process	Changes: (1) In I.B.1. “Sexual Assault Protection Order,” added a footnote with the definition, “‘Commercial sexual exploitation’ means commercial sexual abuse of a minor and sex trafficking.” based on 2SSB 6006 section 9(5). (2) In I.B.3. “Provisions governing all protection orders,” added “(b) The petition must be accompanied by a confidential document to be used by courts, law enforcement, and prosecutors’ offices to fully identify the parties; serve the respondent; enable notification of victims or protected persons; or otherwise fulfill the identification, service, enforcement, and notification requirements. (c) If the confidential information form is wrongfully disclosed, the court shall issue a protective order on the court’s own initiative, or upon notice of the disclosure, and if necessary, order sealing under applicable law.” based on ESSB 5202 section 1(2). Renumbered remaining subsections. (3) In footer, updated publication date.