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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1603**

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**By** House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Flannigan, Campbell, Fromhold, Moeller, Armstrong, Cairnes, G. Simpson, O'Brien and Delvin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to hearings for antiharassment protection orders;  
2 and amending RCW 10.14.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.14.070 and 1992 c 143 s 10 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Upon receipt of the petition alleging a prima facie case of  
7 harassment, other than a petition alleging a sex offense as defined in  
8 chapter 9A.44 RCW, the court shall order a hearing which shall be held  
9 not later than fourteen days from the date of the order. If the  
10 petition alleges a sex offense as defined in chapter 9A.44 RCW, the  
11 court shall order a hearing which shall be held not later than fourteen  
12 days from the date of the order. Except as provided in RCW 10.14.085,  
13 personal service shall be made upon the respondent not less than five  
14 court days before the hearing. If timely personal service cannot be  
15 made, the court shall set a new hearing date and shall either require  
16 additional attempts at obtaining personal service or permit service by  
17 publication as provided by RCW 10.14.085. If the court permits service  
18 by publication, the court shall set the hearing date not later than

1 twenty-four days from the date of the order. The court may issue an ex  
2 parte order for protection pending the hearing as provided in RCW  
3 10.14.080 and 10.14.085.

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