

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1555

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Addressing sexual assault protection orders.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams, Rodne, Lantz, Chase and Ericks).

House Committee on Judiciary
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Background:

In 2006 the Legislature established a new civil protection order called the sexual assault protection order. Any person who is a victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or penetration that gives rise to a reasonable fear of future dangerous acts may file a petition for a sexual assault protection order.

A domestic violence protection order is a civil remedy when there has been domestic violence between family or household members. Family or household members include current and former spouses, persons who have a child in common, adults who have in the past or are currently residing together, persons 16 years of age or older who have in the past or currently have a dating relationship with a person 16 years of age or older, persons who have a biological or legal parent/child relationship, including stepparents, stepchildren, grandparents, and grandchildren.

Summary:

Language is added to explicitly state that a sexual assault protection order is a remedy for victims who do not qualify for a domestic violence protection order.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	48	0

Effective: July 22, 2007