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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The judiciary may establish a three-year  
2 statewide family court pilot project for the electronic filing  
3 of temporary restraining orders and the issuance of temporary  
4 restraining orders on nights and weekends, when the courts are  
5 closed.

6           In establishing the pilot project, the judiciary may  
7 examine the electronic temporary restraining order program  
8 initiated by New Jersey, known as "E-TRO".

9           The judiciary may also consider allowing electronic  
10 signatures of family court judges and complainants on nights and  
11 weekends and allowing complaints to appear immediately on the  
12 judiciary's website for service and enforcement.

13           The police departments in each county and the prosecuting  
14 attorneys in each county shall cooperate with the judiciary to  
15 develop and implement the components of the pilot project.

16           The judiciary may submit to the legislature interim reports  
17 of the pilot project, no later than twenty days prior to the



1 convening of the regular sessions of 2009 and 2010, and a final  
2 report, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the  
3 regular session of 2011, that include information and  
4 recommendations about the efficacy of, and costs associated  
5 with, the electronic temporary restraining order pilot project,  
6 including whether the electronic temporary restraining order  
7 pilot project should be made permanent.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for a  
11 family court electronic temporary restraining order pilot  
12 project to be established by the judiciary.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for  
14 the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



**Report Title:**

Temporary Restraining Orders; Appropriation

**Description:**

Authorizes the judiciary to establish a three-year statewide family court electronic temporary restraining order pilot project to allow the filing and issuance of temporary restraining orders on nights and weekends. Makes an appropriation. (SB2806 SD1)

