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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. (a) The judiciary shall establish a temporary  
2 task force to examine the use of electronic filing for requests  
3 for and issuance of domestic abuse temporary restraining orders  
4 on nights and weekends.

5           (b) In establishing the task force, the judiciary shall  
6 examine the electronic temporary restraining order program in  
7 New Jersey, known as "E-TRO."

8           The task force shall also consider allowing the use of  
9 electronic signatures of judges and complainants on nights and  
10 weekends, as well as the immediate appearance of complaints on  
11 the judiciary's website for service and enforcement.

12           (c) The police departments and prosecuting attorneys in  
13 each county shall cooperate with the judiciary to develop and  
14 implement the task force.

15           (d) The task force shall consist of eight members as  
16 follows:

17           (1) One member of the house of representatives appointed  
18 by the speaker of the house of representatives;



1           (2) One member of the senate appointed by the president of  
2           the senate;

3           (3) One representative from the family court appointed by  
4           the speaker of the house and the president of the  
5           senate;

6           (4) One representative from the Honolulu police department  
7           appointed by the chief of police;

8           (5) The director of the department of human services or  
9           the director's designee; and

10          (6) Three members appointed by the governor, to be  
11          selected from a list comprising three names chosen by  
12          the speaker of the house of representatives and three  
13          names chosen by the president of the senate, with each  
14          member representing a different organization that  
15          represents domestic violence victims.

16          (e) The members of the task force shall serve without  
17          compensation and shall receive no reimbursement for expenses.

18          (f) The judiciary shall submit a report of the task  
19          force's findings to the legislature no later than twenty days  
20          prior to the convening of the regular session of 2010. The  
21          report shall include information and recommendations about the  
22          efficacy of and costs associated with the electronic temporary



1 restraining order program. The report shall also recommend  
2 whether the electronic temporary restraining order program  
3 should be made permanent.

4 (g) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2010.

5 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.



**Report Title:**

Temporary Restraining Orders; Task Force

**Description:**

Requires the judiciary to establish a task force to examine the use of electronic filing for requests for and issuance of domestic abuse temporary restraining orders on nights and weekends. (HB728 HD1)

