

ACT 81

S.B. NO. 1267

A Bill for an Act Relating to Protective Orders.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 586-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

~~“[H]§586-2~~ **Court jurisdiction.** (a) An application for relief under this chapter may be filed in ~~[any]~~ the family court in the circuit in which ~~[the]~~:

- (1) The petitioner resides[-] or is temporarily located;
 - (2) The respondent resides;
 - (3) The subject of the petition, a petitioner’s family or household member who is a minor, an incapacitated person as defined in section 560:5-102 or physically unable to go to the appropriate place to complete or file the petition, resides or is temporarily located; or
 - (4) The domestic abuse occurred.
- (b) Actions under this chapter shall be given docket priorities by the court.”

SECTION 2. Section 604-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) Any person who has been subjected to harassment may petition the district court ~~[of the district in which the petitioner resides]~~ for a temporary restraining order and an injunction from further harassment~~[-] in the district in which:~~

- (1) The petitioner resides or is temporarily located;
- (2) The respondent resides; or
- (3) The harassment occurred.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 14, 2023.)