
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 2261 (Dixon) - Protective orders

Version: July 2, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: PUB. S. 6 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Bob Franzoia

Bill Summary: AB 2261 would authorize a court, upon a defendant's conviction of specified offenses, to consider issuing a post-conviction protective order restraining the defendant from contact with any person who is a member of the victim's family or household, in addition to the victim of the crime.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact: Likely moderate workload cost pressures to the courts, as the bill may add additional hearing time onto existing hearings if anyone objects to the inclusion of various family members to the protective order. Over 360,000 criminal protective orders were issued in the state between 2020 to 2023. It generally costs approximately \$1,200 to operate a courtroom for one hour. Although courts are not funded on the basis of workload, increased pressure on the Trial Court Trust Fund may create a demand for increased funding for courts. The FY 2026-27 Budget appropriated \$70 million to backfill revenue reductions. (Trial Court Trust Fund, General Fund)

Committee Amendments: Provide that "Member of the victim's family" means any person related to the named victim, including through adoption, domestic partnership, or marriage or by consanguinity or affinity within the second degree.

-- END --