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1 AN ACT Relating to courts of limited jurisdiction; adding a new
2 section to chapter 3.02 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the ability of
5 defendants in a court of limited jurisdiction to adequately prepare
6 their defense requires that they be given, prior to any hearing,
7 adequate notice of the essential facts upon which any claim against
8 them is being made. The legislature hereby intends to ensure that
9 defendants receive sufficient notice of any charges being made against
10 them.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 3.02 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 Any notice required by law to a defendant from a court of limited
14 jurisdiction as organized under Title 3, 35, or 35A RCW shall contain
15 at a minimum the following information:

16 (1) Date the alleged offense occurred;

17 (2) Location at which the alleged offense occurred;

- 1 (3) A statement of the charge against the defendant and the facts
2 constituting the basis for the alleged offense;
3 (4) Amount of any monetary claim being made against the defendant;
4 and
5 (5) Any penalties that may be imposed upon the defendant.

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