

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 1210

Title: An act relating to civil jurisdiction of district courts.

Brief Description: Adjusting the jurisdictional amount for district courts.

Sponsors: Representatives Sheahan, Appelwick, Robertson, Kessler, Romero, Wensman and Costa.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Staff: Trudes Hutcheson (786-7384).

Background: Generally, district courts have jurisdiction over civil cases if the value of the claim or the amount at issue does not exceed \$25,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorneys' fees. RCW 3.66.020. District courts do not have jurisdiction over civil actions involving title to real property, actions for the foreclosure of a mortgage or enforcement of a lien on real estate, and actions for false imprisonment, libel, slander, malicious prosecution, criminal conversation, or seduction. RCW 3.66.030.

Summary of Bill: The jurisdictional amount for district court is raised from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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