
SENATE BILL 5302

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By Senators Roach and Heavey

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1 AN ACT Relating to jurisdiction of superior courts in civil
2 antiharassment actions; and amending RCW 10.14.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.14.150 and 1991 c 33 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The district courts shall have jurisdiction and cognizance of
7 any civil actions and proceedings brought under this chapter, except
8 the district court shall transfer such actions and proceedings to the
9 superior court when it is shown that the respondent to the petition is
10 under eighteen years of age.

11 (2) Superior courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction to receive
12 transfer of antiharassment petitions in cases where a district court
13 judge makes findings of fact and conclusions of law showing that
14 meritorious reasons ((~~exit~~—~~exist~~)) exist for the transfer. The
15 municipal and district courts shall have jurisdiction and cognizance of
16 any criminal actions brought under RCW 10.14.120 and 10.14.170.

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