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SENATE BILL 6616

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1            AN ACT Relating to actions subject to mandatory arbitration; and  
2 reenacting and amending RCW 7.06.020.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 7.06.020 and 1987 c 212 s 101 and 1987 c 202 s 127 are  
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6            (1) All civil actions, except for appeals from municipal or  
7 district courts, which are at issue in the superior court in counties  
8 which have authorized arbitration, where the sole relief sought is a  
9 money judgment, and where no party asserts a claim in excess of fifteen  
10 thousand dollars, or if approved by the superior court of a county by  
11 two-thirds or greater vote of the judges thereof, up to (~~thirty-five~~)  
12 fifty thousand dollars, exclusive of interest and costs, are subject to  
13 mandatory arbitration.

14            (2) If approved by majority vote of the superior court judges of a  
15 county which has authorized arbitration, all civil actions which are at  
16 issue in the superior court in which the sole relief sought is the  
17 establishment, termination or modification of maintenance or child  
18 support payments are subject to mandatory arbitration. The

1 arbitrability of any such action shall not be affected by the amount or  
2 number of payments involved.

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