

SSB 5989 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Judiciary

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 12.40.010 and 2008 c 227 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) In every district court there shall be created and organized
6 by the court a department to be known as the "small claims department
7 of the district court." The small claims department shall have
8 jurisdiction, but not exclusive, in cases for the recovery of money
9 only if the amount claimed does not exceed:

10 (a) Ten thousand dollars in cases brought by a natural person; or

11 (b) Five thousand dollars in all other cases.

12 (2) For the purposes of this section, "natural person" means a
13 human being."

14 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Changes the jurisdictional limit of the small claims department in each district court to ten thousand dollars in cases brought by a natural person and five thousand dollars in all other cases. Defines natural person as a human being.

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