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**SENATE BILL 5132**

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**State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Wagoner, Salomon, Dhingra, Gildon, and Harris

AN ACT Relating to requisites of notice in small claims actions; and amending RCW 12.40.060.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 12.40.060 and 1984 c 258 s 63 are each amended to read as follows:

The notice of claim directed to the defendant shall contain: (1) The name and address of the plaintiff; (2) a brief and concise statement of the nature and amount of the claim; (3) a statement directing and requiring defendant to appear personally in the small claims department at a time certain, which shall not be less than five days from the date of service of the notice; and (4) a statement advising the defendant that in case of his or her failure to appear, judgment ((~~will~~)) may be given against defendant for the amount of the claim.

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