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By House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives Sheahan, Appelwick, Robertson, Kessler, Romero, Wensman and Costa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to civil jurisdiction of district courts; and
2 amending RCW 3.66.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.66.020 and 1991 c 33 s 1 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 ~~((If the value of the claim or the amount at issue does not exceed
7 twenty-five thousand dollars, exclusive of interest, costs, and
8 attorneys' fees,))~~ (1) The district court shall have jurisdiction and
9 cognizance of the following civil actions and proceedings subject to
10 the provisions of subsection (2) of this section:

11 ~~((1))~~ (a) Actions arising on contract for the recovery of money;

12 ~~((2))~~ (b) Actions for damages for injuries to the person, or for
13 taking or detaining personal property, or for injuring personal
14 property, or for an injury to real property when no issue raised by the
15 answer involves the plaintiff's title to or possession of the same and
16 actions to recover the possession of personal property;

17 ~~((3))~~ (c) Actions for a penalty;

18 ~~((4))~~ (d) Actions upon a bond conditioned for the payment of
19 money, when the amount claimed does not exceed ~~((twenty-five thousand~~

1 ~~dollars~~) the jurisdictional amount provided under subsection (2) of
2 this section, though the penalty of the bond exceeds that sum, the
3 judgment to be given for the sum actually due, not exceeding the amount
4 claimed in the complaint;

5 ~~((+5))~~ (e) Actions on an undertaking or surety bond taken by the
6 court;

7 ~~((+6))~~ (f) Actions for damages for fraud in the sale, purchase, or
8 exchange of personal property;

9 ~~((+7))~~ (g) Proceedings to take and enter judgment on confession of
10 a defendant;

11 ~~((+8))~~ (h) Proceedings to issue writs of attachment, garnishment
12 and replevin upon goods, chattels, moneys, and effects; and

13 ~~((+9))~~ (i) All other actions and proceedings of which jurisdiction
14 is specially conferred by statute, when the title to, or right of
15 possession of real property is not involved.

16 (2) The district court shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with
17 the superior court in all actions and proceedings set forth in
18 subsection (1) of this section where the value of the claim or the
19 amount at issue does not exceed thirty-five thousand dollars, exclusive
20 of interest, costs, and attorneys' fees. The district court may
21 exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the superior court in all actions
22 and proceedings set forth in subsection (1) of this section where the
23 value of the claim exceeds thirty-five thousand dollars but does not
24 exceed fifty thousand dollars, exclusive of interest, costs, and
25 attorneys' fees, if the district court has agreed to exercise such
26 jurisdiction.

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