

# HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

## HB 1872

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**Title:** An act relating to granting state-wide warrant jurisdiction to courts of limited jurisdiction.

**Brief Description:** Granting state-wide warrant jurisdiction to courts of limited jurisdiction.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Hurst, Lambert, Lovick, O'Brien and Carrell.

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Grants a court of limited jurisdiction the authority to take recognizance, approve bail, and arraign defendants on warrants issued by courts of limited jurisdiction from other jurisdictions.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Staff:** Jim Morishima (786-7191).

#### Background:

Warrants issued by a superior court are enforceable throughout the state. However, warrants issued by a court of limited jurisdiction (a district court or municipal court) are only enforceable within the jurisdiction of the issuing court. In other words, a municipal court in King County may not enforce a warrant issued by a municipal court in Spokane County.

#### Summary of Bill:

A court of limited jurisdiction may take recognizance, approve bail, and arraign defendants on warrants issued by courts of limited jurisdiction from other jurisdictions.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested February 19, 1999.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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