

SB 5733 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Judiciary

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 7.06.010 and 2002 c 338 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 In counties with a population of more than one hundred (~~fifty~~)
6 thousand, mandatory arbitration of civil actions under this chapter
7 shall be required. In counties with a population of one hundred
8 (~~fifty~~) thousand or less, the superior court of the county, by
9 majority vote of the judges thereof, or the county legislative
10 authority may authorize mandatory arbitration of civil actions under
11 this chapter.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 7.06.020 and 1987 c 212 s 101 and 1987 c 202 s 127 are
13 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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

22 (2) If approved by majority vote of the superior court judges of a
23 county which has authorized arbitration, all civil actions which are at
24 issue in the superior court in which the sole relief sought is the
25 establishment, termination or modification of maintenance or child
26 support payments are subject to mandatory arbitration. The
27 arbitrability of any such action shall not be affected by the amount or
28 number of payments involved.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act applies to any case in
2 which a notice of arbitrability is filed on or after the effective date
3 of this act."

4 Correct the title.

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