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By Committee on Judiciary

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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

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

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

(b) Five thousand dollars in all other cases.

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

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.