CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5621**

Chapter 86, Laws of 2019

66th Legislature

2019 Regular Session

SMALL CLAIMS COURT--JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2019

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| Passed by the Senate March 4, 2019  Yeas 39 Nays 9  KAREN KEISER  **President of the Senate**  Passed by the House April 10, 2019  Yeas 95 Nays 0  FRANK CHOPP  **Speaker of the House of Representatives** | CERTIFICATE  I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5621** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.  BRAD HENDRICKSON  Secretary |
| Approved April 19, 2019 11:36 AM | April 22, 2019 |
| JAY INSLEE  **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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**State of Washington 66th Legislature 2019 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Padden, Holy, Wagoner, and Wilson, L.)

AN ACT Relating to increasing the jurisdictional amount for small claims courts; and amending RCW 12.40.010.

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

**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.

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