SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1638

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By House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Inslee, Winsley, Grant, R. Meyers, Padden, Dellwo, Wang and Orr).

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to partial summary judgments; and adding a new
- 2 section to chapter 4.56 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.56 RCW
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 The superior court shall have authority to issue partial summary
- 7 judgment in a civil action for damages. The court may enter partial
- 8 summary judgment and award damages to the plaintiff that the plaintiff
- 9 has incurred if no material issues of fact exist regarding any of the
- 10 following: (1) The causation of those damages, (2) the liability of
- 11 the defendant or defendants to pay those damages, and (3) the amount of
- 12 those damages.