

SENATE BILL 5063

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By Senators Nelson, Hayner and Thorsness.

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1 AN ACT Relating to mandatory arbitration; and reenacting and
2 amending RCW 7.06.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 7.06.020 and 1987 c 212 s 101 and 1987 c 202 s 127 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) All civil actions, except for appeals from municipal or
7 district courts, which are at issue in the superior court in counties
8 which have authorized arbitration, where the sole relief sought is a
9 money judgment, and where no party asserts a claim in excess of fifteen
10 thousand dollars, or if approved by the superior court of a county by
11 two-thirds or greater vote of the judges thereof, up to thirty-five
12 thousand dollars, exclusive of interest and costs, are subject to
13 mandatory arbitration.

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

8 (3) In no event may an award in a single arbitration under these
9 rules exceed thirty-five thousand dollars, exclusive of interest and
10 costs.