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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5621**

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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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