

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 5989 SB	Title: Concerning Small Claims Court	Agency: 055 – Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
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Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
Total:					

Estimated Expenditures from:

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
FTE – Staff Years					
Account					
General Fund – State (001-1)					
State Subtotal					
COUNTY					
County FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal					
CITY					
City FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local – Cities					
Cities Subtotal					
Local Subtotal					
Total Estimated Expenditures:					

The revenue and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Responsibility for expenditures may be subject to the provisions of RCW 43.135.060.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

☐ If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form parts I-V

☒ If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).

☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

This bill would increase the amount of jurisdiction in small claims courts from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Part II.A – Brief Description of what the Measure does that has fiscal impact on the Courts

Section 1 – Would increase the jurisdiction amount in small claims departments from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Section 2 – Would provide that good cause in support of a party's motion for transfer from small claims to district or superior court may be inferred by appearance of an attorney on a person's behalf in small claims court, or a request for jury trial and payment of the required jury fee, or both.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None.

II.C – Expenditures

Increasing the value of small claims would result in a small savings due to the slightly shorter time involved to hear a small claims case. However, since there is no information on the current dollar value of small claims the savings is indeterminate, and expected to be minimal.