

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 9 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Read, Whisnant, Macpherson  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
**Prepared By:** Miranda Plummer, Counsel  
**Meeting Dates:** 1/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes the small claims department of circuit courts to hear actions where the amount or value claimed in the action does not exceed \$7,500.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- The availability of multilingual notice to claimants of their right to request a jury trial
- Small claims rulings not having the right to an appeal
- Small claims domestic violence provision increases from \$3,500 instead of \$5,000

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Presently, the small claims department may hear cases not exceeding \$5,000. The 1997 version of the statute authorized the small claims department to hear cases not exceeding \$3,500. Prior to that, the limit was \$2,500.