

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB651E

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Quayle, F.

3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Jurisdiction of Small Claims Court**

5. Summary: Increases from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the ceiling of the jurisdictional amount of a small claims court.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8)

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would increase the maximum amount that may be sought in an action on the small claims docket in general district court (currently \$5,000) to \$10,000. Since this legislation would simply shift cases from one docket to another, thus no increase in the total number of cases, the general district courts could implement this change with current resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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