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Please review this draft carefully to ensure that it complies with your intent.

I am not sure how a court would treat a negligence action that involved both personal injury and property damage. If the personal injury damages claimed were \$4,000 and the property damage is less than \$6,000 would the small claims court have jurisdiction? What if the property damage exceeded \$6,000 but was less than \$10,000? Would the court add the claims together to determine if the amount exceeded \$10,000, or would the small claims court have jurisdiction as long as the personal injury damages were less than \$5,000?

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