

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON**

Sharon L. Stevenson v. Employment Security Dept.

Stevenson · No. 2:26-cv-00022-SAB · Decided February 17, 2026

OPINION

Stevenson

PER CURIAM.

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2 U.S. DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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8 SHARON L. STEVENSON,

9 Plaintiff, No. 2:26-cv-00022-SAB 10 v.

11 EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPT., ORDER OF REMAND

12 Defendant. 13

14 Before the Court are Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File Amended 15 Complaint, ECF No. 7, and Defendant's Motion to Remand, ECF No. 9. Plaintiff is 16 appearing pro se. Defendant is represented by Marya E. Colignon and Nicholas 17 Quijas. The Motions were considered without oral argument. 18 Plaintiff ostensibly removed this matter from Spokane County Superior 19 Court on January 15, 2026. However, the Ninth Circuit has explicitly held that the 20 right to remove a state case to federal court is limited to defendants. *Am. Int'l 21 Underwriters (Philippines), Inc. v. Cont'l Ins. Co.*, 843 F.2d 1253, 1260 (9th Cir. 22 1988); see also 28 U.S.C. § 1441. Section 1441(a) ("any civil action brought in a 23 State court of which the district courts of the United States have original 24 jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or the defendants") (emphasis 25 added). 26 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: 27 1. The above-captioned case is REMANDED to Spokane County 28 Superior Court. 1 2. Defendant's Motion to Remand, ECF No. 9, is GRANTED.

3. Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaint, ECF No. 7,

DISMISSED AS MOOT. IT IS SO ORDERED. The District Court Executive is hereby directed to 5|| file this Order, provide copies to counsel, and close the file. DATED this 17th day of February

2026. 10 Chief United States District Judge 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27
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