

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5479

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES,
FEBRUARY 9, 1993

Brief Description: Declaring Washington state children's day.

SPONSORS: Senators Fraser, Deccio, Talmadge, Moyer, Franklin, M. Rasmussen and Oke

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5479 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Talmadge, Chairman; Wojahn, Vice Chairman; Deccio, Erwin, Franklin, Fraser, Hargrove, McAuliffe, Moyer, Niemi, Prentice, Sheldon, and Winsley.

Staff: Joanne Conrad (786-7472)

Hearing Dates: February 9, 1993

BACKGROUND:

Although Washington State has had its children recognized in the past, with a Children's Day proclaimed by the Governor, there is currently no on-going celebration of Children's Day. National Children's Day was proclaimed by Congress in 1990, and designated as the second Sunday in October.

SUMMARY:

A Washington State Children's Day is created. It will be observed on the second Sunday in October, but will not be treated as a legal holiday.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE:

Technical changes are made, placing the act in the appropriate code section.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

The bill will encourage family values and increase community support and understanding of children's issues.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Lars Anderson; Katrina Maanao; Charles Shelan,
Community Youth Services; Julie Bonin; Nancy Thomas, Olympia
Association for the Education of Young Children; Jim
Castrolang, Associated Ministries of Thurston County