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**State Government Committee**

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**SB 6376**

**Brief Description:** Recognizing human trafficking awareness day.

**Sponsors:** Senators Fraser, Roach, McCoy, Conway, Hasegawa, Padden, Carlyle, Lias, Nelson, O'Ban, Darneille, Chase and Jayapal.

<p><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishes January 11 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/23/16

**Staff:** Dawn Eychaner (786-7135).

**Background:**

Human trafficking is an illegal act conducted for the purpose of exploitation through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Trafficking victims are forced to engage in forced labor, involuntary servitude, sexually explicit acts, and/or commercial sex acts. Trafficking in the first or second degree is punishable as a class A felony.

Every Sunday and 10 additional days are recognized in Washington State as legal holidays. The state also recognizes certain other days of the year for specific purposes. For example, some recognized days that are not considered legal holidays include Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Korean-American Day, and Marcus Whitman Day.

**Summary of Bill:**

January 11 is recognized as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

A legislative findings and intent section acknowledges the 40 anti-trafficking laws enacted by the Legislature since 2002, and states an intent to honor Washington's efforts to reduce human trafficking.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.