

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6376

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As of February 4, 2016

**Title:** An act relating to recognizing human trafficking awareness day.

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

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

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Human Services, Mental Health & Housing: 1/21/16 [w/oRec-LAW].  
Law & Justice: 2/03/16.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH & HOUSING

**Majority Report:** That it be referred without recommendation and be referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

Signed by Senators O'Ban, Chair; Darneille, Ranking Minority Member; Padden.

**Staff:** Kevin Black (786-7747)

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

**Staff:** Tim Ford (786-7423)

**Background:** Washington State recognizes 10 specific days and all Sundays as state legal holidays. Thirteen more specific days are recognized by the Legislature, but not considered legal holidays. These recognized days include Korean-American Day, Columbus Day, Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day, Washington Army and Air National Guard Day, Purple Heart Recipient Recognition Day, Children's Day, Mother Joseph Day, Marcus Whitman Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, Civil Liberties Day of Remembrance, Juneteenth, and Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. Recognized days that are not state legal holidays are not paid holidays for state employees.

Human trafficking occurs when a person recruits, harbors, transports, transfers, provides, obtains, buys, purchases, or receives a person who will be engaged by means of force, fraud, or coercion in forced labor, involuntary servitude, a sexual act or acts including commercial

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sex acts or sex acts involving persons who are underage, or benefits financially from the same.

**Summary of Bill:** January 11th is recognized as Human Trafficking Awareness Day. An intent section describes the history of human trafficking legislation in Washington.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony (Human Services, Mental Health & Housing):** Public hearing not held for this bill.

**Persons Testifying (Human Services, Mental Health & Housing):** Public hearing not held for this bill.