

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6376

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Human Services, Mental Health & Housing, January 21, 2016
Law & Justice, February 3, 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 [DP].

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)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Padden, Chair; O'Ban, Vice Chair; Pedersen, Ranking Minority Member; Darneille, Frockt, Pearson and Roach.

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

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

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 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.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony (Law & Justice): PRO: This committee has been very active in addressing the problems with human trafficking. It takes more than just laws, but it also takes education and awareness. This bill helps focus the public's attention on human trafficking and the hope is that the public will see something and say something.

Persons Testifying (Law & Justice): PRO: Senator Karen Fraser, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.