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**State Government & Tribal Relations  
Committee**

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**SB 6567**

**Brief Description:** Recognizing the eighteenth day of December as blood donor day.

**Sponsors:** Senators Frockt, Conway, Short, Pedersen, Cleveland, Kuderer, Randall, Hunt, Saldaña, Takko, Wellman and Wilson, C.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Recognizes December 18 as Blood Donor Day.

**Hearing Date:** 2/20/20

**Staff:** Jason Zolle (786-7124).

**Background:**

In addition to legal holidays, the Legislature has statutorily recognized a number of days to commemorate individuals or groups. These recognized days include Washington State Children’s Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Juneteenth, and Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

The American Red Cross has recognized January as National Blood Donor Month since 1970. World Blood Donor Day is celebrated on June 14.

On December 18, 2017, a passenger train derailed near Olympia and landed on Interstate 5, killing three passengers and injuring 65 others. After the accident, local blood centers asked the public for blood donations to help the crash victims.

**Summary of Bill:**

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December 18 is recognized as Blood Donor Day, but is not considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

**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.