

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5028

As Passed Senate, February 26, 2019

Title: An act relating to declaring September the month of the kindergartner.

Brief Description: Declaring September the month of the kindergartner.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Hunt, Wilson, C. and O'Ban).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Early Learning & K-12 Education: 1/18/19, 1/25/19 [DPS].

Floor Activity:

Passed Senate: 2/26/19, 49-0.

Brief Summary of First Substitute Bill

- Declares September to be the month of the kindergartner.
- Encourages elementary schools to determine a method to celebrate new kindergartners.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5028 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Wilson, C., Vice Chair; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Holy, Hunt, McCoy, Mullet, Padden, Pedersen, Salomon and Wagoner.

Staff: Ailey Kato (786-7434)

Background: Current state law declares October as disability history month. Public schools must conduct or promote educational activities that provide instruction, awareness, and understanding of disability history and people with disabilities.

State law also identifies specific days within various months that recognize certain concepts, events, and people.

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Summary of First Substitute Bill: September is declared to be the month of the kindergartner. Each September, elementary schools are encouraged to determine a method to celebrate new kindergartners as they begin their life in K-12 education.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* PRO: Kindergarten is the start of students K-12 education. Declaring September as the month of the kindergartner will help students get off to a positive start. Schools can choose how to celebrate, such as putting up banners and giving students t-shirts. This bill is part of a class project.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Sam Hunt, Prime Sponsor; Ethan Roberts, Oakland Bay Junior High School; Graysen Reveal, Oakland Bay Junior High School; Anthony Bagel, Oakland Bay Junior High School.

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