

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5868

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections, February 21, 2019

Title: An act relating to recognizing the tenth day of April as Dolores Huerta day.

Brief Description: Recognizing the tenth day of April as Dolores Huerta day.

Sponsors: Senators Saldaña, Randall, Hunt, Keiser, Nguyen and Wilson, C..

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections: 2/15/19, 2/21/19 [DP].

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognizes April 10 as Dolores Huerta Day.
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hunt, Chair; Kuderer, Vice Chair; Zeiger, Ranking Member; Bailey, Hasegawa, Hawkins and Takko.

Staff: Melissa Van Gorkom (786-7491)

Background: Apart from the state legal holidays, the state identifies certain days of recognition throughout the year. Such recognition dates commemorate an event, individual, or groups of persons. Individuals with dates of recognition include Mother Joseph, Marcus Whitman and Cesar Chavez.

Dolores Huerta was born on April 10, 1930, in Dawson, New Mexico. She became an American labor leader and civil rights activist who co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later merged into the United Farm Workers. Dolores Huerta was instrumental in the enactment of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, the first law of its kind in the United States, granting farmworkers in California the right to collectively organize and bargain for better wages and working conditions.

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Summary of Bill: April 10 is recognized as Dolores Huerta Day, but is not considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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: PRO: It is important to recognize the humanity and leadership of people while they are here with us. Dolores Huerta is important in the history of the Chicano movement and the United Farm Workers of America. Dolores and Cesar were a team and she was the organizer. Huerta challenged externally and internally the issue of general discrimination. She is a national treasure, receiving the highest Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012 and so it would be amazing to recognize her here in Washington State along with Cesar Chavez.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Rebecca Saldaña, Prime Sponsor; Indira Trejo, United Farm Workers.

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