
State Government Committee

HB 1560

Brief Description: Recognizing the thirty-first of March as Cesar Chavez Day.

Sponsors: Representatives Hudgins, Ortiz-Self, Ryu, Moscoso, Reykdal, Gregerson, Peterson, Bergquist, Santos, McBride and Ormsby.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognizes March 31 as Cesar Chavez Day.
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Hearing Date: 2/3/15

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

In addition to legal holidays, the state recognizes certain days of the year for various purposes. For example, April 9 is recognized as Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day, the second Sunday in October is recognized as Washington State Children's Day, and June 19 is recognized as Juneteenth, a day of remembrance for the day the slaves learned of their freedom.

Cesar Chavez, a Mexican-American born March 31, 1927, was an American farm worker, labor leader, and civil rights activist that worked to improve the treatment, pay, and working conditions of farm workers. He co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers Union. He died April 23, 1993. His birthday, March 31, is recognized as a state holiday in California, Colorado, and Texas. Streets, parks, and buildings across the nation have been named in his honor. On October 8, 2012, President Obama proclaimed the former headquarters of the United Farm Workers as the Cesar E. Chavez National Monument under the authority of the Antiquities Act.

Summary of Bill:

The March 31 is recognized as Cesar Chavez Day, but is not considered a legal holiday.

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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.