

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

SB 6285

Title: AN ACT Relating to establishing Pearl Harbor remembrance day.

Brief Description: Establishing Pearl Harbor remembrance day.

Sponsor: Senators Hargrove and Rasmussen.

BRIEF SUMMARY

- Recognizes December 7 as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

HOUSE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

BACKGROUND:

On Sunday December 7, 1941, the Japanese executed a sneak attack on the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. The attack resulted in over 3,400 American casualties including over 2,300 deaths. The attack also severely damaged American naval assets in the Pacific and precipitated the United States' entry into World War II.

A variety of dates are specially recognized in Washington, without being considered legal holidays. For example, August 7 is recognized as Purple Heart Day. Also, April 16 is recognized as Mother Joseph Day, and September 4 is recognized as Marcus Whitman Day.

SUMMARY:

December 7 is recognized as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, but is not considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

Rule Making Authority: No express authority.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is enacted.