

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1279

As Reported by House Committee On:
State Government

Title: An act relating to the Washington state day of peace.

Brief Description: Recognizing a state day of peace.

Sponsors: Representatives Simpson, Cairnes, Santos, Kenney and McIntire.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government: 1/18/02, 1/29/02 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Recognizes April 20 as a Washington state day of peace.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 5 members: Representatives Romero, Chair; Miloscia, Vice Chair; McDermott, Schmidt and Upthegrove.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 2 members: Representatives McMorris, Ranking Minority Member; and Schindler.

Staff: Kimberly Berry (786-7291).

Background:

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

Summary of Bill:

April 20 is recognized as a Washington State Day of Peace, but is not considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

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

Testimony For: Youthful constituents of Representative Simpson first proposed the idea of a state day of peace. These children created a web site and participated in a letter writing campaign to promote the idea. A day of peace was declared by the governor for one year, but this would make it every year.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Representative Simpson, prime sponsor.