

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1279

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**As Passed House:**

February 14, 2002

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

**Brief Description:** Recognizing a state day of peace.

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

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

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

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 2/14/02, 77-20.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

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

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### 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.

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**Summary of Bill:**

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

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**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.