

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1939

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**C 307 L 18**  
Synopsis as Enacted

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

**Sponsors:** Representatives Hudgins, Bergquist, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Robinson, Jinkins, Gregerson, Stanford, Ormsby, Santos and Pollet.

**House Committee on State Government, Elections & Information Technology**  
**Senate Committee on State Government**  
**Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections**

**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 and Marcus Whitman.

Cesar Chavez was born on March 31, 1927, in Yuma, Arizona. His family moved to California as migrant farm workers when he was child. Mr. Chavez became a leader of the farm worker organization movement and co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later merged into the United Farm Workers Association. He died April 23, 1993. His birthday is officially recognized in several states, and in 2014 President Obama declared March 31 "Cesar Chavez Day," as a federal commemorative holiday.

**Summary:**

March 31 is recognized as "Cesar Chavez Day."

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	71	25
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Senate	35	14

**Effective:** June 7, 2018

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