

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2392

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
State Government & Tribal Relations

**Title:** An act relating to designating kimchi day.

**Brief Description:** Designating kimchi day.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Ryu, Reed, Morgan, Santos, Bronoske and Leavitt.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

State Government & Tribal Relations: 1/24/24, 1/30/24 [DP].

<p><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designates November 22 as Kimchi Day.</li></ul>
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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL RELATIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Ramos, Chair; Stearns, Vice Chair; Cheney, Ranking Minority Member; Christian, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Gregerson, Low and Mena.

**Staff:** Jason Zolle (786-7124).

**Background:**

State Holidays.

Washington recognizes 11 specific days as paid state legal holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Juneteenth, Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Native American Heritage Day, and Christmas Day.

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Another 19 specific days are recognized by the Legislature, but they are not considered legal holidays. Some of those days commemorate specific events, such as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. Other days commemorate groups of people, such as Korean-American Day, or certain ideas, such as Human Trafficking Awareness Day and Public Lands Day.

Kimchi.

Kimchi is a traditional Korean food that consists primarily of salted and fermented vegetables. Often these ingredients include napa cabbage, daikon radish, carrots, garlic, ginger, and Korean chili. South Korea celebrates National Kimchi Day on November 22 of each year. California and Virginia passed resolutions in recent years to designate November 22 as Kimchi Day in their states, and Hawaii recognized November 22, 2023, as Kimchi Day last year.

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**Summary of Bill:**

November 22 is designated as Kimchi Day, a legislatively recognized day.

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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.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) None.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** None.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.