# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

## BILL ANALYSIS

## **State Government, Elections & Information Technology Committee**

## **HB 1204**

**Brief Description**: Requiring the display of the national league of families' POW/MIA flag on certain days.

**Sponsors**: Representatives Young, McCaslin, Shea, Taylor and J. Walsh.

### **Brief Summary of Bill**

• Specifies additional days public entities must display the POW/MIA flag.

**Hearing Date**: 1/31/17

Staff: Megan Palchak (786-7105).

### **Background:**

All state agencies, institutions of higher education, counties, cities, and towns are required to display the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag along with the flag of the United States, and the state flag on the following days:

- March 30th, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day;
- 3rd Saturday in May, Armed Forces Day;
- Last Monday in May;
- June 14th, Flag Day;
- July 4th, Independence Day;
- July 27th, National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day;
- Third Friday in September, National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and
- November 11th, Veterans' Day.

### **Summary of Bill:**

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Requires public entities to display the POW/MIA flag on April 9th, former POW recognition day and December 7th, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

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.