

SUBJECT: Designating January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day

COMMITTEE: Culture, Recreation and Tourism — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 9 ayes — K. King, Gervin-Hawkins, Burns, Clardy, Frullo, Israel, Krause, Martinez, Morales Shaw

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Anna Alkire; Beth Maynard; Ruth York)

Against — None

BACKGROUND: Government Code ch. 662, subch. C establishes days of recognition for the state.

Suggestions have been made to update current law by including International Holocaust Remembrance Day in its list of recognition days.

DIGEST: HB 2728 would designate January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day to commemorate the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and to honor the millions of victims of the Holocaust.

Under the bill, International Holocaust Remembrance Day could be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.