

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 961 recognizes February 19 as Iwo Jima Day, in memory of the courageous men and women of the United States armed forces who participated in the successful capture of the island of Iwo Jima beginning February 19, 1945.

Victory at Iwo Jima came with a cost. It is remembered as one of the bloodiest battles of World War II, lasting more than a month and costing the lives of more than 7,000 Americans.

S.B. 961 provides that Iwo Jima Day may be regularly observed through activities, but makes no requirements on public schools or other entities.

As proposed, S.B. 961 amends current law relating to the designation of February 19 as Iwo Jima Day.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, by adding Section 662.062, as follows:

Sec. 662.062. IWO JIMA DAY. (a) Provides that February 19 is Iwo Jima Day in memory of the heroism and courage of the men and women of the armed forces of the United States who participated in the successful capture of the island of Iwo Jima beginning February 19, 1945.

(b) Authorizes Iwo Jima Day to be regularly observed through appropriate activities in public schools and other places.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.