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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3768

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 3768, which designates March 21 of each year as Nowruz Day. I have concerns about establishing such a specific designation through legislation.

Designating a particular day as a state or official celebration can be a complex issue, involving questions about the recognition of cultural observances and the allocation of resources for related events. I believe that recognizing cultural diversity and promoting inclusivity can be achieved through other means, such as supporting multicultural initiatives and encouraging cultural awareness without formal legislative designations that may be seen as preferential or exclusionary.

Furthermore, I am concerned that passing legislation for specific cultural observances might inadvertently create divisions or misunderstandings among different communities. I believe our shared goal should be fostering an inclusive environment that respects all cultural traditions without singling out one particular celebration through state legislation.

For these reasons, I respectfully oppose HB 3768. I encourage efforts that promote cultural understanding and inclusivity in ways that are inclusive and representative of our diverse society.

Thank you for your consideration.