



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 619

PRINTERS NO. 614

PRIME SPONSOR: Helm

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Provides for the annual designation and holiday observance of “Juneteenth National Freedom Day”. This legislation would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation establishes June 19 as “Juneteenth National Freedom Day”.

The significance of June 19 as the date of this commemoration relates to an occurrence in Texas, where the holiday originated. On June 19, 1865 slaves in Texas first learned that they had been freed two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued.

The legislation declares that its provisions shall not be construed as requiring an employer to treat June 19 as a holiday or to provide paid leave to an employee on this day solely by virtue of the holiday designation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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**DATE:** May 3, 2019

*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*