

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on March 19, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Carolyn Rampey Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statues
Ann Deitcher, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Majority Leader, Representative Clay Aurand

HB 2937 - relating to school finance; authorizing school districts to reduce or eliminate a certain property tax exemption; concerning a cost of living weighting.

Representative Beggs made the motion that was seconded by Representative Mason to present HB 2937 to the Committee for discussion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Aurand addressed the Committee in explanation of the balloon amendment to **HB 2937** being offered. (Attachment 1).

A motion was put forward by Representative Williams and seconded by Representative Johnson that the balloon amendment to **HB 2937** be accepted. The motion passed on a voice vote.

A period of questions and answers followed.

It was moved by Representative Miller and seconded by Representative Williams that **HB 2937** be passed out of Committee as amended. The motion carried on a show of hands, 13 to 7.

Wishing their no votes on **HB 2937** to be recorded were, Representatives Crow, Flaharty, Holland, Phelps, Reardon, Storm and Winn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2004.