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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Ralph Tanner at 7:00 a.m. on February 22, 2000 in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: A quorum was present

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Renaë Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Linda Taylor, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached List

Carolyn Rampey of the Legislative Research Department presented a list of reform bills that could be merged. (Attachment 1)

HB 2796 - School districts, early childhood education programs.

Representative Faber moved to amend **HB 2796** at line 30 by changing the word 'shall' to 'may'. Representative Horst seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Flaharty moved to further amend **HB 2796** by striking Section 6, page 3, lines 13-36. Representative Peterson seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Representative Helgerson moved to offer a substitute bill for **HB 2796** that would fund full day kindergarten with a 10-year phase in period. Representative Flaharty seconded the motion. The motion failed.

HB 2631 - School district finance, counting of preschool aged at-risk pupils.

Representative Benlon moved to amend **HB 2631** to raise the number from 400 to 1200 and fund the program from the tobacco settlement. Representative Storm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Benlon moved to pass out favorably **HB 2631** as amended. Representative Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.