MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

January 27, 2004

Room 129, State Capitol Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair

Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold, Vice Chair

Rep. LaVar Christensen Rep. John Dougall Rep. James A. Ferrin Rep. James R. Gowans Rep. Ann W. Hardy Rep. Kory M. Holdaway

Rep. David L. Hogue Rep. Gregory H. Hughes Rep. Bradley T. Johnson

Rep. Brad King

Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

Rep. Loraine T. Pace Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst

Cindy Baker, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. and welcomed committee members. Rep. Moss was called on to give a one minute lesson on language.

S.B. 6 Refurbished Computers in Schools Program (Sen. H. Stephenson)

Sen. Stephenson introduced S.B. 6, which will terminate a pilot program for the refurbishing of donated computers to be used in the state's public schools.

MOTION: Rep. Pace moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously

with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Dougall, Rep. Ferrin, Rep. Hogue, Rep. Hughes and

Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2004 and January

21, 2004. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Dougall, Rep. Ferrin, Rep. Hogue, Rep. Hughes and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

H.C.R. 2 Individuals with Disabilities Act Resolution (*Rep. K. Holdaway*)

Rep. Holdaway introduced the resolution.

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MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to amend the resolution as follows:

1. Page 1, Lines 1 through 2:

1 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES <u>EDUCATION</u> ACT 2 RESOLUTION

- 2. *Page 1, Lines 19 through 20:*
 - WHEREAS, in 1975 the United States took a major step forward in promoting the
 - 20 inclusion and equality of one of the nation's most disenfranchised groups of citizens;
 <u>WHEREAS</u>, prior to enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children's
 <u>Act of 1975</u>, only one in five children with disabilities was educated in public schools in the United States;
- *3. Page 1, Lines 24 through 27:*
 - WHEREAS, the federal government made a commitment to pay 40% of the cost for
 - 25 children with special educational needs;
 - 26 [[-WHEREAS, over the years the federal appropriations have ranged from seven to 15%
 - 27 of the total cost []

WHEREAS, the federal government currently funds only 18% of its initial promise to pay 40% of per pupil expenditures under IDEA;

WHEREAS, considering the new federal No Child Left Behind requirements for raising the percentage of students with disabilities proficient in state standards to 100% by the end of the 2013-14 school year and the federal government's prior history in funding special education costs, states are presented with another unfunded or partially funded mandate by the federal government;

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dougall, Rep. Hogue, and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

Rep.Holdaway said that H.C.R. 2 requests Congress to fulfill its commitment in funding special education.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dougall, Rep. Hogue, and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

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H.C.R. 7 Resolution Recognizing Legislators Back to School Week (Rep. K. Holdaway)

Rep. Holdaway explained that H.C.R.7 expresses support for civic education and America's Legislators Back to School Week.

MOTION: Rep. Christensen moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed

unanimously with Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously

with Rep. Newbold absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 8:21 a.m.

Rep. Margaret Dayton, Chair