

# **HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS**

## **HB 2072**

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**Title:** *An act relating to school attendance policies.*

**Brief Description:** *Requiring that grading policies that consider school attendance be applied school-wide and provide for notice and a hearing.*

**Sponsors:** *Representatives Kastama, McDonald, Bush, Wood, Sullivan, Boldt, Hickel, Doumit, Anderson, O'Brien, Lantz and Dunn.*

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### **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Meeting Date:** *March 3, 1997.*

**Bill Analysis Prepared by:** *Joe Hauth (786-7111).*

**Background:** *School districts may establish student grading policies that take a student's attendance record into account. If participation in a graded activity is important to mastering the subject, then a student's grade may be adversely affected by poor attendance. If a student believes that attendance or tardiness unjustly affected his or her grade, then the student may appeal to the school district.*

**Summary of Bill:** *Grading policies must be applied to all classrooms within a school unless a teacher establishes a different policy at the beginning of the school year. If the teacher establishes a different classroom attendance policy, then the teacher must notify the students at the beginning of the school year.*

**Fiscal Note:** *Requested on February 26, 1997.*

**Effective Date:** *Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.*