

1999 SENATE BILL 38

February 16, 1999 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, MOEN, ERPENBACH and CLAUSING, cosponsored by Representatives MUSSER, BLACK, LA FAVE, CULLEN, MILLER, HASENOHRL, OTT and KRUG. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 234.623 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** eligibility for the
2 Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority's property tax
3 deferral loan program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) operates a property tax deferral loan program. Under the program, WHEDA makes loans to low-income homeowners who are 65 years of age or older for the purpose of helping the homeowner pay his or her property taxes and special assessments in order to remain in his or her home. A homeowner is eligible for a loan under the property tax deferral loan program if he or she earned \$20,000 or less in income in the year prior to the year in which the property taxes or special assessments for which the loan is made are due. This bill changes the eligibility requirements for the property tax deferral loan program by providing that a homeowner is eligible for a loan if he or she earned \$30,000 or less in income in the year prior to the year in which the property taxes or special assessments for which the loan is made are due.

Because this bill directly or substantially affects the development, construction, cost or availability of housing in this state, the department of

