DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Please review this bill carefully to make sure it achieves your intent. In particular, please note the following:

- 1. As we discussed, I have deleted the requirement that a W-2 contract contain provisions requiring a community steering committee to establish a transportation advisory committee and a W-2 agency to provide an accounting of money spent on transportation services. Instead, I have moved these requirements to section 49.157. This change ensures that the W-2 agencies must comply with these requirements before the next round of contracts become effective on January 1, 2002.
- 2. This bill does not specify when or how often the report on transportation expenses must be provided to DWD. Is this your intent?
- 3. I have also deleted the initial applicability provision for the treatment of section 49.1475. The initial applicability provision would not have required a W–2 agency to coordinate case management services with a job retention skills development program until January 1, 2002. If this was your intent, please contact me and I will redraft the initial applicability provision.
- 4. Finally, because federal TANF moneys are used to fund a portion of the job retention skills development program, the program must meet certain federal requirements. For example, federal law does not permit TANF moneys to be used for programs that provide job services to individuals who do not have a dependent child and do not qualify as "needy". The job retention skills development programs are available to any individual who is recently employed, regardless of whether the individual has a dependent child or his or her income is at or below 200% of the poverty level. You may want to include language that specifies that the program may serve only those individuals eligible to receive TANF to ensure that the program complies with the federal TANF requirements.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the bill.

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In s. 66.462 (1) (c), the bill amends the definition of "eligible costs" by including "cancellation of delinquent taxes." I have left this change in the bill, but I have a

concern. This inclusion ignores other current law procedures for recovering delinquent taxes and could result in taxpayers paying for the delinquent taxes twice – once through the county levy and then as an ERTIF cost. Is this your intent?

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- 1. I changed the draft to require the National Geographic Society, not the foundation, to award a matching grant because it is my understanding that the society actually awards the matching grants to states.
 - 2. Do you want to specify what the report "on recipients" should contain?
- 3. At the request of Bob Conlin, I did not change the starting date of the foreign language immersion program or move all of the money for the program into the 2000–01 fiscal year in the appropriation schedule. If this bill is not enacted until the late spring, you may wish to have an amendment drafted to address this concern.

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- 1. Concerning proposed ss. 292.11 (14), 292.15 (8) and 292.31 (11), the statutes do not use the term "case closure", so I have modified the language a little. DNR's rules define case closure to mean a determination that no further action is necessary (see, NR 726.03 (1)).
- 2. I am not certain that adding "solid waste" to s. 292.24 makes any real difference because the statutes from which s. 292.24 exempts local governmental units are hazardous waste statutes.

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