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Senator Coggs:

In reviewing this draft, please note all of the following:

- 1. The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault language speaks of "the tenant or a child of the tenant." This draft substitutes "member of the tenant's household" for "child" in order to protect vulnerable persons who may not be the natural or adopted children of a tenant, for example, a child who is under the guardianship, foster care, or kinship care of a tenant or a vulnerable adult who is living in the household of a tenant.
- 2. The North Carolina definition of "domestic violence" at G.S. 50B-1(a) includes an act against a child in the household, while Wisconsin law defines "domestic abuse" and child abuse" separately in ss. 812.13 (1) (am) and 812.122 (1) (a). Accordingly, this draft expressly references child abuse as well as domestic abuse throughout.
- 3. The Wisconsin Open Housing Law, s. 106.50 covers not only rental housing but also the sale, financing, and construction of housing. Accordingly, this draft prohibits discrimination on the basis of abuse, sexual assault, or stalking victim status not only in the rental of housing but also in the sale, financing, and construction of housing.

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I did not add a cross-reference to created s. 66.1205 (1) (d) in s. 66.1205 (3). Is this OK?

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