DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

September 23, 2011

ATTN: Rep. Mary Williams

Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent. The following are several issues you may wish to consider in your review of this draft.

1. Please review s. 66.1001 (8), as created by this draft, precluding consideration of whether a local governmental unit has in effect a comprehensive plan in determining eligibility for an economic development program to ensure that the provision meets your intent. I have not attempted to provide a definition of "economic development program" and I am not certain to which programs the term would apply. Are there particular programs you are interested in including? If so, a definition or more explicit list of covered programs could be included. Is the list of parties who may not consider the existence of a comprehensive plan correct and complete?

2. This draft includes express authorization to repeal a comprehensive plan. I have made the repeal requirements the same as the current adoption requirements, see s. 66.1001 (4) (c), stats. Please let me know if you want any changes to this provision.

3. I have provided that a county development plan adoption or amendment does not apply in a town unless the town adopts the plan or amendment. Does the provision, s. 59.69 (3) (dm), as created by this draft, reflect your intent? Do you instead want to limit the adoption requirement to only county development plans that are also comprehensive plans? Do you instead intend to require that an adoption or amendment is of no effect anywhere in the county unless all towns adopt the plan or amendment?

4. This draft repeals the Department of Administration planning grant program in s. 16.965, stats. Do you also want to repeal the transportation planning grant program in s. 16.9651, stats.?

5. I have not made any changes to the comprehensive plan provisions regarding regional planning commissions (RPCs) in s. 66.0309, stats. These provisions currently provide that an RPC must adopt a comprehensive plan for its region, but also that the plan is only advisory to constituent local governmental units. Please let me know if you want any changes to these provisions included in this draft.

6. This draft repeals ss. 20.505 (1) (cm), (cn), and (if) and 66.0230 (2) (d), stats. Please let me know if you would prefer to retain any of these provisions.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft.

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