

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

LRB-3225/P1dn  
MPG&AJM:amn

October 1, 2015

Senator Lassa:

Please review this draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent. We have a few comments and questions:

1. We did not include “Wisconsin” in the name of the new Department of Economic Opportunity because each department created under ch. 15 already has “State of Wisconsin” in its name. See s. 15.02 (2), stats.
2. We created new PR appropriations for the Department of Economic Opportunity to expend moneys it receives as gifts, grants, or proceeds and moneys it receives as fees and repayments of grants and loans. Relying on the general language of the existing appropriation from the economic development fund, s. 20.192 (1) (r), renumbered s. 20.143 (1) (r) in the draft, we did not create any new appropriations for existing economic development programs, such as the main street program or the program for making grants to regional economic development organizations. If you wish to create such appropriations in the draft, please let us know.
3. With respect to the membership of the transition council, do you wish to have the gubernatorial appointees subject to senate confirmation? Also, Is it consistent with your intent to require that the transition council members appointed by legislative members be representatives of local and regional economic development agencies, in addition to the gubernatorial appointees? If not, let us know, and I will redraft.
4. Rather than having the transition plan be submitted to the governor 12 months after the bill’s publication date, you may instead want to include a specific date for submission of the plan to the governor, such as September 1, 2016, to ensure that the plan is submitted sufficiently in advance of submission of the 2017–19 executive budget to the legislature.
5. With respect to the exemptions under s. 19.56 (3), adding the Department of Economic Opportunity to those exemptions, as is done in the draft, is consistent with the treatment of the former Department of Commerce under the 2009 statutes. Please let us know if it is inconsistent with your intent. Also, please let us know if you would like to add the Badger Innovation Corporation to the exemptions or would like to discuss the exemptions.
6. The draft retains the additional independent audit requirement for the Department of Economic Opportunity that applies for WEDC under current law, under s. 238.07 (4). Please let us know if that is not consistent with your intent.

Please to not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Thank you.

Michael Gallagher  
Legislative Attorney  
(608) 267-7511  
michael.gallagher@legis.wisconsin.gov

Aaron McKean  
Legislative Attorney  
(608) 266-0132  
aaron.mckean@legis.wisconsin.gov