

# WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE

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### **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 17-063**

#### **Comments**

[NOTE: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated December 2014.]

## 2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

- a. The examples following proposed s. DFI-CU 72.01 (2) (a) appear to be substantive to the definition of "a person or entity engaged in a common enterprise" and should be included under subd. 3., rather than as an example following the clause.
- b. The note following proposed s. DFI-CU 72.01 (2) (b) 2. appears to be substantive to the definition and should be included in the definition under subd. 2., rather than as a note following the clause.
- c. The example following proposed s. DFI-CU 72.01 (5) (a) appears to be substantive to the definition of a "construction or development loan" and should be included under subds. 1. and 2., as appropriate, rather than as an example following the clause.
- d. The examples following proposed ss. DFI-CU 72.03 (1) (e) 1. a. and 72.12 (2) also appear to be substantive to the definition of a "construction or development loan" and should be included under that subdivision, as appropriate, rather than as an example following the clause.
  - e. The proposed rule must have an effective date clause. [See s. 1.02 (4), Manual.]

#### 5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. The portion of the definition proposed under s. DFI-CU 72.01 (5) (a) 2., refers back to the definition itself in a circular fashion. This creates unnecessary confusion and should be avoided. See Wisconsin Bill Drafting Manual, s. 2.03 (7) (b).

- b. In the first sentence under proposed s. DFI-CU 72.02 (1), the word "to" should be inserted between "loan" and "any".
- c. Numerous definitions throughout the proposed rule, including "common enterprise" in proposed s. DFI-CU 72.01 (4), "loan secured by a one- to four-family residential property" in proposed s. DFI-CU 72.01 (11), "loan secured by a vehicle manufactured for household use" in proposed s. DFI-CU 72.01 (12), and "prospective market value" in proposed DFI-CU 72.03 (1) (b), appear to include a number of substantive rule provisions within each definition. These provisions should be expressed as rule provisions rather than part of a definition. The proposed rule should be reviewed in its entirety with regard to inclusion of substantive rule provisions in definitions.
- d. Under proposed s. DFI-CU 72.08 (3) (c), it is incorrect punctuation to include quotation marks and parentheses around the acronym "CAMELS". Also, see s. 1.01 (6), Manual, in regard to the avoidance of the use of parentheses.