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1 AN ACT to create 560.9802 (2) (h) of the statutes; relating to: the state housing

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Performance–Based Disease Management Programs for Large Populations.

Current law requires the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to prepare a comprehensive 5-year state housing strategy plan and to update the plan annually. Commerce must submit the plan to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The state housing strategy plan must include all of the following:

• A statement of housing policies and recommendations.

• An evaluation and summary of housing conditions and trends in the state, including housing stock and housing cost analyses, general population and household composition demographic analyses, and housing and demographic forecasts.

• An evaluation of housing assistance needs.

• A discussion of major housing issues, including housing production, housing and neighborhood conservation, housing for persons with special needs, fair housing and accessibility, and housing affordability.

• Housing policies that set the general framework for the state's housing efforts.

• Strategies for utilizing federal funding and for coordinating federal and state housing efforts.

• Specific recommendations for public and private action that contribute to the attainment of housing policies under the plan.

Under current law (s. 234.034, stats.), the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) must exercise its powers and perform its duties related to housing consistent with the state housing strategy plan created by Commerce.

² strategy plan.

Under current law (s. 227.115, stats), Commerce must prepare a report on every proposed administrative rule that directly or substantially affects the development, construction, cost, or availability of housing in Wisconsin before the legislature acts on it. Among other things, the report must discuss the proposed rule's effect on the policies, strategies, and recommendations of the state housing strategy plan.

Under current law (s. 13.099 (3), stats.), Commerce must prepare a report on any bill that is introduced in the legislature that directly or substantially affects the development, construction, cost, or availability of housing in Wisconsin. The report must discuss the bill's effects on housing, including its effect on the policies, strategies, and recommendations of the state housing strategy plan.

This draft adds another required element to the state housing strategy plan. The draft requires Commerce to include in the plan strategies and specific recommendations for public and private action that will facilitate the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian–oriented design in residential and mixed–use developments that include residential elements.

1 SECTION 1. 560.9802 (2) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

2 560.9802 (2) (h) Strategies and specific recommendations for public and private action

3 that will facilitate the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian–oriented design in residential and

- 4 mixed–use developments that include residential elements.
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