HUMAN SERVICES - FOLLOW-UP ON PREVIOUS INTENT LANGUAGE

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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

This report summarizes intent language passed by the Legislature during its 2009 General Session with respect to the Department of Human Services and provides an agency response regarding the status of each piece of passed intent language.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE:

Senate Bill 3, Item 77 (for FY 2009):

The Legislature intends that the Department of Human Services eliminate the use of its data processing internal service fund by transferring the associated assets of the fund to the Department of Human Services in accordance with applicable federal regulations. The Legislature further intends that the portion of the cash balance owed to the federal government be paid from the cash transferred to the department.

Agency Response:

The applicable internal service fund was closed in accordance with the intent language.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH:

Senate Bill 3, Item 78 (for FY 2009):
Under terms of UCA 63J-1-402, the Legislature intends not to lapse any remaining funds provided by Item 111, Chapter 2, or Item 86, Chapter 392, Laws of Utah 2008 for the drug courts/drug board programs within the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. Expenditure of these funds is limited to drug courts and the drug board.

Agency Response:

The amount of nonlapsing funds is $39,100. This funding has been allocated to the drug courts to serve clients in FY 2010.
Under terms of UCA 63J-1-402, the Legislature intends not to lapse up to $50,000 provided by Item 112, Chapter 2, or Item 86, Chapter 392, Laws of Utah 2008. Expenditure of these funds is limited to computer equipment and software - $50,000.

Agency Response:

The amount of nonlapsing funds is $50,000. This funding is intended to be used for much needed computer equipment and software at the State Hospital and the Division. Funding has not been obligated pending decisions related to implementation of FY 2010 spending reductions.

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

Senate Bill 3, Item 216 (for FY 2010):
The Legislature intends that the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) use FY 2010 beginning non-lapsing funds to offer emergency services, services for individuals who turn 18 years old and leave state custody from the divisions of Child and Family Services and Juvenile Justice Services, and services for individuals that are court ordered into DSPD services.

Agency Response:

The division expects to spend $1,949,400 of this nonlapsing amount during FY2010 for the purposes listed in the legislative intent language.

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES:

Senate Bill 3, Item 83 (for FY 2009):

Under Section 63J-1-402.1 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that any remaining amount of the funding provided by Item 115, Chapter 2, or Item 90, Chapter 392, of the Laws of Utah 2008 for the Division of Child and Family Services in the Department of Human Services not lapse at the close of FY 2009. Expenditure of these funds is limited to the Adoption Assistance and Out-of-Home Care programs.

Agency Response:

The nonlapsing funds provided by the 2009 Legislature will be used to meet caseload needs in the Out of Home Care program. Nonlapsing funds will also be used in the Adoption Assistance program to fund clients who opt out of the capitated mental health system. The division manages clients according to need rather than available funding. This has allowed the division to affect efficiencies. These efficiencies have created a savings in the past which has been carried into the next year. In recent years, one-time funds have been budgeted for these ongoing costs. Once exhausted, the funding will need to be replaced with ongoing funds to maintain service levels. The division does not anticipate that there will be any funds available at the end of FY 2010. In the event there are remaining funds, the division requests that intent language continue to allow the division the use of nonlapsing funds in FY 2011.