

Intent Statement Motions regarding the Department of Human Services – 1:09 PM

It is the intent of the Legislature that the department review all oversight and audit functions for streamlining and consolidation in an effort to maximize the effectiveness of the audit process and minimize disruption to the provision of services. It is further the intent of the Legislature that the study of the effectiveness of streamlining and consolidation of audit efforts by the Department of Human Services on counties and private providers be placed on the Master Study Resolution.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and the Division of Aging and Adult Services forego site visits of county mental health, substance abuse, and aging programs during FY 2011 and conduct statutorily required monitoring through reports submitted by electronic or other means and report back to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on or before January 1, 2011 concerning the outcome of this monitoring technique.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Services for People with Disabilities, in consultation with Medicaid officials, take the following actions as a result of the funding changes made to the division budget: 1) increase the caseload level for support coordinators and streamline the reporting and oversight functions of these case manager positions, 2) begin negotiations with federal and state Medicaid officials to revise the waivers and provide low cost, less intensive services, and 3) revise the oversight methodology used to monitor private provider's use of funds and cease auditing to 15 minute increments and shift to a methodology which is not more frequent than daily. The Legislature recognizes that less oversight is needed for well performing providers. It is further the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Services for People with Disabilities change the frequency of face to face visit requirements and other requirements from support coordinator contracts and implement a corresponding cost reduction.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department explore options to privatize the Utah State Developmental Center in order to bring greater cost sustainability to the state. It is further the intent of the Legislature that the department identify opportunities to privatize other activities and facilities.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Services for People with Disabilities look to maximize funding going to the Disabilities Trust Fund.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Child and Family Services take the following actions as a result of the funding changes made to this line item: 1) increase caseloads by an average of 1 case per caseworker, 2) identify opportunities to increase in-field work as well as telecommuting in order to reduce facility costs on an ongoing basis, and 3) consider options and strategies to pay workers on a per case basis. It is further the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Child and Family Services report back to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on or before January 1, 2011 concerning the effects of this change on division outcomes and operations.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Facilities and Construction Management review office space management for the Department of Human Services in conjunction with the office space availability and needs of all state agencies and report back to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on or before January 1, 2011 concerning optimal facility utilization.