Senator Henderson Motion Sheet Regarding Office of Recovery Services Fees and Programming

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I move to approve the following:

1. Accept the four fee increases discussed under the Section titled “Fees Covering Associated Costs – Potential Fee Increases” as found in the Issue Brief titled, “Fees – The Department of Human Services” and dated January 23, 2014, 2:30 PM.

2. Place the two Office of Recovery fee increases referred to in part number 1 on the committee “Consensus Funding Reduction Items” list
   *Estimated to generate $2,029,700 + $23,600 = $2,053,300 ongoing fee revenue.*

3. Designate the two approved Office of Recovery Services’ fee increases remain within the Office of Recovery Services’ Budget (A).

4. Place an item titled “Requiring an Open Child Support Case as a Condition of Food Stamps Eligibility” on the active Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee’s Building Block Priority List.
   *Estimated to cost $2,429,500 ongoing costs and $800,000 to $1,400,000 one-time reprogramming costs.*

5. Designate the two Office of Recovery Services’ fee increases be used solely to offset the cost of the item titled “Requiring an Open Child Support Case as a Condition of Food Stamps Eligibility” with the understanding that the Office of Recovery Services and the Department of Workforce Services will continue to pursue related options that would make the policy change match the available new revenue.

(A) Due to federal regulations, *increasing a fee and removing the General Fund in the Office of Recovery Services (ORS) actually results in a loss of funding to the agency because fees cannot receive federal match and cannot be used to supplant a state’s required General Fund contribution.*