

Motion: Senator Christensen

I move to increase by 200% the treatment provider fees assessed by the Office of Licensing as shown in the issue brief titled, "Fees – The Department of Human Services" found at:

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2015/pdf/00001318.pdf>. I

further move to use the additional estimated \$395,200 from the General Fund to increase the building block request titled, "DHS - DSPD Direct Care Staff Salary Increase." This does not include outdoor treatment providers or foster care providers.

Explanation:

Current fees to treatment providers represent only 10% of applicable current costs. UCA 63J-1-504 states that "Each fee agency shall adopt a schedule of fees assessed for services provided by the fee agency that are: reasonable, fair, and reflect the cost of services provided . . . ." These fees are deposited into the General Fund. These fees are assessed to approximately 968 Treatment Providers. Using the estimated fee revenue of \$395,200 for "DHS – DSPD Direct Care Staff Salary Increase" will leverage additional federal Medicaid funds of approximately (\$936,300).