Motion: Senator Escamilla

I move the following intent language:

The Legislature intends that if funding is appropriated for the building block titled, “Intermediate Care Facilities - Intellectually Disabled,” the Department of Health shall:

1) Direct funds to increase the salaries of direct care workers;
2) Increase only those rates which include a direct care service component, including respite;
3) Monitor providers to ensure that all funds appropriated are applied to direct care worker wages and that none of the funding goes to administrative functions or provider profits;
4) In conjunction with Intermediate Care Facilities - Intellectually Disabled providers, report to the Office of the Legislature Fiscal Analyst no later than September 1, 2015 regarding: 1) the implementation and status of increasing salaries for direct care workers, 2) a detailed explanation with supporting documentation of how Intermediate Care Facilities - Intellectually Disabled providers are reimbursed, including all accounting codes used and the previous and current rates for each accounting code, and 3) a conceptual explanation of how Intermediate Care Facilities - Intellectually Disabled providers realize profit within the closed market of providing Intermediate Care Facilities - Intellectually Disabled services.