

Staff Recommendations for IHSS Issues

Staff recommends the following reductions to the IHSS program, along with corresponding placeholder trailer bill language, for a total of the **\$486 million GF** savings proposed by the Governor:

- 1) **Adopt** a requirement for IHSS recipients to have certification from a health care professional that personal care services are necessary to prevent out-of-home care, with resulting savings of \$120.4 million GF;
- 2) **Reduce** caseload estimates based on more recent, actual data, for savings of \$83.2 million GF from the program in 2010-11 and 2011-12;
- 3) **Adopt** \$121.1 million GF savings due to expected approval of six percent increase in federal financial participation as a result of IHSS qualifying under the new federal Community First Choice Option;
- 4) **Adopt** a modified version of the Governor's proposal to eliminate domestic and related services. More specifically, amend the proposal to:
 - a) Exclude households where the only occupants are all IHSS recipients;
 - b) Exclude individuals whose housemates are neither their family members nor their IHSS providers;
 - c) Exclude domestic and related tasks that require the use of universal precautions; and
 - d) Exclude individuals whose housemates are not both able and available to meet the recipient's specified needs.
- 5) **Adopt** an across-the-board reduction in hours of service that corresponds to the remaining amount needed to reach \$486 million GF savings.