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## FY'25 BUDGET REQUEST AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### **Chapter 257 and the Human Service Reserve, line item 1599-6903.**

This line item seeks to enable human service organizations to offer competitive salaries to maintain safety net services and ensure that rates adequately reflect inflation and increasing costs by benchmarking salaries to at least the 75th percentile of the BLS-MA index.

**Support language in Chapter 257 Reserve in Senate Ways & Means budget proposal.** Language calls for a report comparing wages between community-based human services workers and state workers in similar job roles

**Pass An act relative to a loan repayment program for human services workers (H.214|S.77).** This bill would provide student loan repayment to human services workers who provide essential services to one-in-ten state residents. This bill would help human service organizations recruit and retain a stronger, more qualified workforce. This bill is currently in the Senate Ways and Means.