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The In Home Support Services (IHSS) Program provides critical care and valuable support to some of the most vulnerable members of our society. In fact, many aged, blind and disabled individuals enrolled in this program require daily assistance from their IHSS providers --- without whom they would not be able to perform basic but essential functions of everyday life. Unfortunately, as reported by the Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC), when IHSS providers cannot report for work, their clients are left with no one to assist them.

Since many IHSS participants rely heavily on their providers, it is essential that we create a Backup Attendant Program to fill any gaps in service that may occur on short notice when primary IHSS providers are not able to work. For the past year, the PASC has been researching model programs in other California counties and have determined that our constituents could benefit from such a program.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to work with the Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC) to report back on the development of a Backup Attendant Program for the IHSS Program and identification of \$1,000,000 in total program funds (including state and federal matching funds) to implement this Program; and,

WE ALSO MOVE THAT this Board direct the CAO and the Director of the Department of Public Social Services to work with the PASC and State Department of Social Services to identify solutions to any information technology system issues or modifications that may be necessary to implement the IHSS Backup Attendant Program; and

FINALLY, WE MOVE THAT this Board direct the CAO and the Director of DPSS to jointly report back their implementation plan for the creation and funding of the IHSS Backup Attendant Program, along with any findings and recommendations, prior to the commencement of budget deliberations.

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