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Health and Human Services Advisory Council in 2002, producing recommendations in four areas of management; a report of the Health and Human Services Partnership Council submitted in July 2002; the Children and Family Services Review, an extensive two-year study involving over 30 professionals from around the state, the final report was issued in 2002, this was followed by another year of preparation to release the Program Improvement Plan in 2003; a series of focus groups contracted for with the Center for Children, Families and the Law held around the state querying foster parents, providers and other stakeholders in 2001; Nebraska Family Portrait, issuing hundreds of recommendations in 2002; Nebraska Protection and Safety System Quality Assurance Case Review Phase I Report, the Orbit Group Report for the Center for Children Families and the Law, 2002, contracted for by Health and Human Services; Making the Good Life Even Better for Children, a blueprint to improve Nebraska's response to child abuse and neglect, 1999, a result of numerous community meetings and research by Voices for Children in Nebraska and the Foster Care Review Board, no funding provided; Building the Framework, a System of Care and Protection and Safety, 2000; performance accountability report of select services provided through contracts, Health and Human Services, 1999; the Network Development Strategy for the newly redesigned Health and Human Services System, 1998. Those 12 studies I listed are just some of the studies that have been completed on the Health and Human Services System within the last eight years. Members of the Legislature, the purpose of this amendment is simply to demonstrate effective fiscal stewardship. There have been many studies completed on Nebraska's Health and Human Services System detailing the strengths and, more importantly, the challenges of that system. Those studies are, for the most part, sitting on bookshelves and collecting dust. In addition, not only is the state facing a class action suit because of its inadequacies in the system, but there have been numerous suits filed by individuals because of our neglect or out-of-date practices. We have plenty of recommendations regarding changes that need to be made within the system. We don't need a \$500,000 study to tell us what we already know about Health and Human Services. We need to look at the work that has been done and the challenges we are currently facing, and be responsive to the recommendations that have already been