## LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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**Psychological Evaluation and the Courts** 

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## Handout

Need (Lincoln & Otero County)

30% of children live in poverty

42% of all families lack secure employment

33% of children live in single parent families

% of population requiring psychological evaluations:	unknown
Cost of existing referrals for psychological evaluations:	unknown
Alternatives to the use of psychological evaluation:	unknown

## **Proposed Action:**

I would like to endorse a Memorial some other relevant action to ask CYFD to appoint a task force that would examine the use of psychological evaluations in juvenile justice and child welfare matters.