

## CRITICAL NEEDS FOR 1991 EARTHQUAKE LEGISLATION

as drawn from

### UACIR EARTHQUAKE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Utah Advisory Council for Intergovernmental Relations (UACIR) staff requested that the UACIR Earthquake Task Force's list of priorities for earthquake legislation be further prioritized to include only those critical and urgent needs which must be addressed by the 1991 legislature. This list is presented below, in order of priority.

#### LEGISLATION ALREADY PREPARED AND SPONSORED

- 1) **Establish a Seismic Safety Commission to oversee and coordinate the state earthquake program.**
  - the State and Local Affairs Interim Committee has prepared legislation (HB 11, Natural Disaster Commission); Representatives Donald LeBaron and Ray Nielsen, sponsors.
- 2) **Earthquake instrumentation.**
  - to be filed; Senator Craig Peterson and Representative Donald LeBaron, sponsors.

#### ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION NEEDED

- 1) **Require that fees collected by local governments for building plan checks be used for that purpose to more effectively implement the Uniform Building Code structural/seismic provisions.**
  - No appropriation necessary
- 2) **Assess seismic vulnerability of schools and fire stations.**
  - Schools - \$250,000
  - Fire Stations - \$190,000
- 3) **Increase public awareness to improve personal and family preparedness.**
  - \$50,000 state funds to CEM; \$50,000 federal match
- 4) **Training for disaster preparedness and urban search and rescue.**
  - \$60,000 state and/or local government funds; \$60,000 federal match