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MEMORANDUM

To: UACIR Earthquake Task Force Members
From: Lee Allison, UGMS *MLA*
Subject: Earthquake legislation

The ACIR staff has asked me to update the Task Force on the latest activities of the State and Local Affairs Interim Committee regarding earthquake legislation. The cost estimates for the Task Force's list of priorities for earthquake legislation, requested by Chairman Cornaby, were finalized for the October 17 meeting based on your comments in response to Mike Christensen's memo of October 5. Mike and I presented them at the meeting, and a copy of the final list is included for your information with this mailing. We would like to thank those of you that contributed comments and helped us prepare the cost estimates.

The Committee discussed the costs and priorities briefly at the meeting, but apparently they do not plan to author and sponsor any further earthquake legislation. I strongly believe, as do many of you on the Task Force and ACIR, that more of our priority issues need to be included in legislation this session. Because ACIR will not meet in November, a meeting of the ACIR leadership is planned for the week of November 12. At that meeting earthquake legislation will be on the agenda to discuss further actions by ACIR. If you wish to participate, **contact Steve Klass (538-1556) for details.**

Also at the October 17 meeting, the State and Local Affairs Interim Committee amended and passed draft legislation for establishing the seismic commission. A copy of the amended legislation (entitled Natural Disaster Commission) is included herein. Because the Committee passed the legislation, there is no longer an opportunity for the Task Force to comment informally. If we wish to make any changes, it will need to be approved by the Committee or submitted as an amendment during the session. Despite this, I think it is important that each Task Force member review this legislation. Be specific with your comments, and note suggested changes and additions directly on the enclosed copy of the bill. **Mail it to Gary Christenson (Utah Geological and Mineral Survey, 606 Black Hawk Way, SLC 84108; 581-6831; FAX 581-4450) by November 30.** He will compile everyone's comments onto a single copy, and we will present and discuss them at the December ACIR meeting.