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REMARKS ON ASSEMBLY BILL 57

TO

THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

BY

ASSEMBLYMAN BERNIE ANDERSON

FEBRUARY 19, 2003

GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS.

AS THE SPONSOR OF THIS BILL, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SOME
BRIEF INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ABOUT ASSEMBLY BILL 57.

I BROUGHT THIS BILL FORWARD AT THE REQUEST OF THE
NEVADA EARTHQUAKE SAFETY COUNCIL.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY BE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE
NEVADA EARTHQUAKE SAFETY COUNCIL — IT IS THE ADVISOR
TO THE NEVADA EARTHQUAKE RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM.

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SUBMITTED BY: *Assemblyman Anderson*

THE COUNCIL FACILITATES PUBLIC INPUT, DEVELOPS CONSENSUS ABOUT SEISMIC ISSUES WITHIN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, AND IS THE PUBLIC ADVISORY BODY FOR STATE SEISMIC SAFETY POLICY.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE ON THE EARTHQUAKE SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT.

THESE INDIVIDUALS BRING A WIDE RANGE OF PERSPECTIVE TO THE COMMITTEE AND INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF BUSINESS AND THE ENGINEERING AND AND GEOLOGY FIELDS, AS WELL AS STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS.

SPECIAL THANKS ARE ALSO DUE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

WHILE WE ARE MOST OFTEN FOCUSED THESE DAYS ON PREPARING FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITY, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT WE CONTINUE TO FACE THE RISK OF NATURAL DISASTERS—SUCH AS EARTHQUAKES—AND WE MUST CONSTANTLY STRIVE TO MAKE OUR PUBLIC BUILDINGS AS SAFE AS WE CAN.

TO THAT END, ASSEMBLY BILL 57 IMPLEMENTS THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION TO REQUIRE THE STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD AND LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES TO ADOPT:

- THE SEISMIC PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE; AND
- THE GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

THE BILL ALSO DIRECTS THE CHIEF OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS AND THE STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD IN THE INVESTIGATION OF SEISMIC HAZARDS.

^{KNOW} I URGE YOUR ^{with given} CAREFUL CONSIDERATION ^{TO} ~~OF~~ THIS BILL AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOUR SUPPORT OF THE BILL.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF A.B. 57 WILL IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY IN OUR STATE—NOT JUST FOR NEVADA RESIDENTS—BUT FOR EVERYONE.

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE JONATHAN PRICE, STATE GEOLOGIST AND DIRECTOR OF THE NEVADA BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY, WHO CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON THIS BILL AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL PERSONS IN LAS VEGAS WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY AFTER MR. PRICE.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.

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