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PERFORMANCE NOTE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (JR4-2-404)	
BILL NO.:	H.B. 279
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Performance note due on:	
New Program, agency, or appropriation purpose and duties	
<p>H.B. 279 requests \$500,000.00 to provide a seismic Rapid Visual Screening (RVS) of all public schools and charter schools within the state of Utah. Data from the RVS will be placed into a centralized data base maintained by the State Office of Education with help from the Utah Seismic Safety Commission. The Public School Seismic Safety Committee shall evaluate data gathered from the RVS and give each school an Evaluation Score based on probabilities of structural failure or collapse during a major seismic event.</p>	
New Program, agency, or appropriation services that will be provided	
<p>Funding for HB 279 shall be administered by the State DOE and used by each school district and charter school to conduct a seismic safety rapid visual screening of each facility used by the school district or charter school that has not been evaluated in accordance with federal guidelines.</p>	
Goals and outcomes that will be achieved within one, two, and three years	
<p>Year 1: Perform Rapid Visual Screening (RVS) on all public schools and charter schools within the State of Utah.</p> <p>Year 2: The Public School Seismic Safety Committee (PSSSC) shall advise and make written recommendations based on data gathered from the RVS to the Legislature, governor, state superintendent, and State Board of Education on seismic safety issues in public schools. The PSSSC shall provide ongoing technical assistance to the State Board of Education, state superintendent, school districts, and charter schools in conducting and overseeing the seismic safety evaluations.</p>	
Resources and steps required to achieve the goals	
<p>The state superintendent's staff shall provide staff support to the PSSSC committee. In 2010, a FEMA grant provided hand held computers and training for the structural engineers. Remaining grant money was used to evaluate 128 Utah public schools.</p>	
Benchmarks that will be used to monitor progress toward goals	
<p>A progress report prepared by the chair of the Public School Seismic Safety Committee shall be submitted to the Business and Labor Interim Committee in 6 month intervals or until every public school and charter school has been assessed.</p>	

Performance measures that will be used to evaluate progress toward goals

Quarterly progress reports prepared by the chair of the Public School Seismic Safety Committee shall be submitted to the Utah Seismic Safety Commission during their regularly scheduled meetings. Representatives from the Public School Seismic Safety Committee shall attend commissions meetings to provide progress updates.

How information on performance measures will be collected reliably and objectively

The Utah Seismic Safety Commission shall receive updates from the Public School Seismic Safety Committee and disseminate findings and data collected in the "Utah Students At Risk" publication. The Utah Students At Risk publication shall be placed on the USSC website (www.ussc.utah.gov) for public viewing.