

# *A Survey of Emergency Managers on the Seismic Mitigation Measures Proposed in H.R. 2806, H.R. 4792 and S.2533*



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## ABSTRACT

The National Coordinating Council on Emergency Management's (NCCEM) Earthquake Subcommittee conducted earthquake-safety surveys in 1991 and 1992. The 1991 results revealed broad support among governmental emergency managers for a federal earthquake mitigation and insurance program. In 1992, the Subcommittee surveyed NCCEM members and other emergency managers to assess their level of support for each mitigation measure proposed in H.R.2806, H.R.4792, and S.2533. The 1992 questionnaire was distributed: 1) in the *NCCEM Bulletin*; 2) on an electronic bulletin board; 3) in a letter to each state and territory, the largest cities in each state, and the 1991 survey's respondents; and 4) at both a southern California and a national emergency-services conference. Seven measures were given more support than the only two categorized in the bills as mandatory. In seismic-hazard areas, those seven measures would: control construction of all new buildings; retrofit seismically deficient buildings that house surgical, governmental EOC, fire-suppression, or police functions; and minimize earthquake damage to lifelines.

## INTRODUCTION

In 1992, the National Coordinating Council on Emergency Management's (NCCEM) Earthquake Subcommittee surveyed the nation's emergency managers about the three bills being considered by the Congress of the United States of America that would establish a federal earthquake/volcanic-eruption mitigation and insurance program.

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