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TO: EQC members FR: EQC staff

RE: Eminent domain report -- public comment

Earlier this year, the EQC approved a draft report "Public Uses and Eminent Domain" and requested it be put out for public comment. The EQC did not pursue related findings or legislation. The report is intended to serve as an educational tool and to provide a broad overview of the eminent domain debate with a focus on public uses.

The document was posted for a 30-day public comment period that ended on August 22. A request for comment was posted on the EQC Listserv, included in the *Interim* newsletter, and sent out on Newslinks.

No public comment was received. If comments are submitted after the mailing deadline, staff will include them in your September meeting folders.

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