

MOTION NO. 1813

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2 A MOTION expressing the concerns and desires  
3 of the King County Council regarding the  
4 possible reorganization of the Puget Sound  
5 Governmental Conference.

6 WHEREAS, the President of the Puget Sound Governmental  
7 Conference has appointed a committee to make recommendations  
8 concerning by-law changes and possible reorganization of the  
9 Conference, and

10 WHEREAS, proposed actions by state and federal governments  
11 give increased importance to regional governmental planning  
12 organizations and their ability to make realistic planning  
13 decisions on a regional basis which will affect King County and  
14 other general purpose local governments in the county, and

15 WHEREAS, a reorganization of the Puget Sound Governmental  
16 Conference seems necessary to enable it to adequately carry out  
17 future planning activities in a manner acceptable to King County  
18 and other member governments,

19 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County  
20 that its representative to the Puget Sound Governmental  
21 reorganization committee be authorized to seek the following  
22 functional and structural changes in the organization of the  
23 Puget Sound Governmental Conference:

24 A. Functional Changes

25 (1) Local government service programs be restricted to  
26 those activities that improve the capacity of Conference members  
27 to respond to new and complex planning problems;

28 (2) Research programs should first emphasize population  
29 and employment forecasting and also include specific long range  
30 studies such as regional tax base sharing;

31 (3) Regional planning programs should not duplicate the  
32 comprehensive planning functions of Conference members and instead  
33 focus on designated areas and activities of greater than local  
concern.

1           B. Structural Changes

2           (1) Abolition of all present standing committees in order  
3 to allow sub-regional groupings of government and the Executive  
4 committee to substantively deal with policy issues;

5           (2) Establishment on a voluntary basis sub-regional  
6 groupings of governments which would preferably consist of one  
7 county and the cities within that county to deal with planning  
8 issues, including A-95 review, that affect only that area and  
9 not the entire region;

10           (3) Clear statements of purpose and powers of the  
11 Executive Board giving it the authority to establish the  
12 Conference work program, appoint ad hoc policy issue committees,  
13 and supervise staff activities;

14           (4) Clear statements of authority making the total  
15 Conference the policy setting body which would approve regional  
16 development policies and plans, establish work program priorities  
17 and review Executive Board actions.


18           AND BE IT FURTHER MOVED that the general goal of reorganiza-  
19 tion will be to allow the Conference to facilitate local  
20 governments in acting cooperatively in appropriate groupings on  
21 various issues, recognizing that some issues are region-wide and  
22 multi-county in nature and many others are of concern and  
23 appropriately addressed by some but not all of the members of  
24 the Conference. In those instances the Conference should be the  
25 defender of sub-regional decisions to the state and federal  
26 governments,

27           AND BE IT FURTHER MOVED that copies of this motion be  
28 transmitted to the County Executive and the Chairman of the  
29 Puget Sound Governmental Conference committee considering  
30 reorganization,

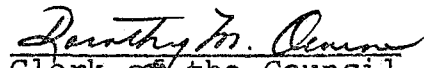
1 AND BE IT FURTHER MOVED that further appropriations to the  
2 Conference by the Council of King County will be determined by  
3 the consideration given the above-mentioned reorganization of  
4 the Conference.

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6 PASSED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1974.

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8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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11 Chairman  
THOMAS M. FORSYTHE

12 ATTEST:

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15 Clerk of the Council  
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