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A MOTION urging the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and its Region X Office to delay its designation of a Health Systems Agency until the August funding cycle.

WHEREAS, Public Law 93-641 was enacted by the Congress of the United States to assure effective health planning and programs, and

WHEREAS, Public Law 93-641 provides for the establishment of Health System Agencies with extensive planning and implementation powers in health-related programs, including alcoholism and community mental health, and

WHEREAS, a Health Systems Agency in the State of Washington can be either a private nonprofit corporation or a public regional planning body, and

WHEREAS, state law gives local elected officials responsibility for many public health and human services programs, including alcoholism and community mental health, and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are chosen by the people to represent them in all public decision-making, including the manner in which public funds will be expended, and

WHEREAS, it appears that a public regional planning body may be the best mechanism for assuring that health decisions affecting all the people will be made by the representatives they have chosen;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

1. The King County Council strongly urges the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and its Region X Office to delay making its designation of and grant award to a Health Systems Agency in the Northwest District until the August funding cycle.

2. The King County Council directs its staff to report to it by no later than May 21, 1976, possible ways, including but not limited to the hiring of a consultant, for determining

a. The type of Health Systems Agency most appropriate for

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the Puget Sound Region.

b. The steps necessary to establish a public regional planning body, should that alternative prove most appropriate.

c. The means by which consensus can be reached among the local elected officials in the ten counties which comprise our health services area.

d. A timetable which will insure that the revised Department of Health, Education and Welfare deadline is met.

PASSED this 10th day of May, 1976.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

David Mooney
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Stevens
Clerk of the Council