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Introduced By: Paul Barden

Proposed No.: 76-740

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MOTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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2 A MOTION relating to the operation and  
3 administration of the Seattle-King County  
4 Health Department and finding that King  
County and the City of Seattle are respon-  
sible for its operation and administration.

5 WHEREAS, King County and the City of Seattle agreed in 1951  
6 to jointly establish and operate the Seattle-King County  
7 Department of Public Health, and

8 WHEREAS, King County and the City of Seattle have operated  
9 the Department on a joint basis since 1951, and

10 WHEREAS, over the years, King County and the City of Seattle  
11 have worked out a process for arriving at decisions which must be  
12 made jointly, including the annual operating budget, and

13 WHEREAS, changes in technology and in health care expectation  
14 now require that the present administrative structure of the  
15 Health Department be examined, and

16 WHEREAS, King County and Seattle have accepted the responsib-  
17 ility for determining what changes are necessary and both local  
18 jurisdictions are participating in a study of the present  
19 arrangement, and

20 WHEREAS, an organization which the United States Department  
21 of Health, Education and Welfare is attempting to impose on local  
22 government is proposing recommendations for operation and  
23 administration of the Health Department;

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

25 1. The King County Council finds that operation and  
26 administration of the Seattle-King County Department of Public  
27 Health are the responsibilities of the King County and the City  
28 of Seattle, pursuant to applicable state laws.

29 2. The King County Council recognizes the King County  
30 Health Planning Council and the Puget Sound Health Systems Agency  
31 in their consultative and advisory capacity, but not as having  
32 the legal authority to direct and regulate the operation and  
33 administration of the Seattle-King County Department of Health.

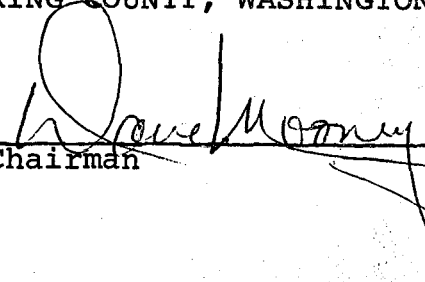
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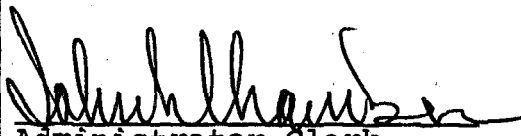
3. The King County Council invites citizens interested in the Health Department to communicate with Councilmembers and to participate in public discussions and hearings when the Council is considering the Health Department's budget, administrative structure, or other relevant issues.

PASSED this 23rd day of August, 19 76

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Administrator-Clerk  
King County Council

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XXXXXXXXXX/NOTION NO. 2656

Before the King County Council

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH

Sub-title: COUNTY EXECUTIVE

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS  
WITH THE INCORPORATED CITIES OF THE COUNTY  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A COUNTY -  
WIDE PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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