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Introduced by: Tracy J. Owen 79-836

MOTION NO.

A MOTION authorizing the County Executive to submit a preapplication to the Washington State Department of Commerce and Economic Development for funds in an approximate amount of \$25,000 for an examination of the agribusiness infrastructure throughout the County.

WHEREAS, the King County Executive has the responsibility to provide leadership in the development of a sound, growth management policy, and

WHEREAS, agricultural lands have been disappearing in King County, and

WHEREAS, King County has adopted a policy to preserve agricultural lands and encourage the maintenance of existing farms and the creation of new farms, and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure to support an agricultural economy has been weakened due to the loss of agricultural lands, and

WHEREAS, there is increasing uncertainty as to what will happen to the produce of farms as the number of processors and wholesalers shrinks, and

WHEREAS, King County received a grant from the Farmers Home Administration to support economic development planning in rural areas, and

WHEREAS, it is essential to economic development planning that King County examines in depth the agribusiness

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infrastructure to determine its present ana future needs,

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

The King County Executive is hereby authorized to submit a preapplication on behalf of King County to the Washington State Department of Commerce and Economic Development in the approximate amount of \$25,000 to fund the examination of the agribusiness infrastructure throughout the County.

PASSED this 25th day of Qune, 1979.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST: