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MOTION NO. 6183

A MOTION establishing the 1985 State Legislative Program for King County.

WHEREAS, the King County executive and the King County council want to bring their common positions on issues facing the 1985 Washington State Legislature to the attention of Washington State Legislators, other elected officials, and King County residents, and

WHEREAS, the King County executive and the King County council want to work cooperatively with other local governments and other organizations, such as the Washington State Association of Counties, the Washington Association of County Officials, the Suburban Cities Association, and the Association of Washington Cities, and

WHEREAS, the King County executive and the King County council will continue to review legislative developments for possible revision of King County's 1985 State Legislative Program;

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

The objectives set forth in this motion and Attachment A represent King County's State Legislative Program for 1985.

The <u>seven</u> objectives set forth below are King County's highest priorities for passage during the 1985 Session of the Washington State Legislature:

- o Support increased State funding for the Department of Social and Health Services programs for which King County has shared responsibility:
 - -- community mental health programs;
 - -- alcohol and substance abuse programs;
 - -- involuntary treatment administration;
 - -- developmental disability programs;
 - -- emergency shelter assistance;
 - -- reinstatement of dental coverage under the medical assistance program;
 - -- expansion of medicaid to cover low income children under twenty-one years of age; and
 - -- expansion of state-funded medical assistance to low income individuals.
- o Support State funding for expanded community corrections/alternatives to incarceration programs to mitigate provisions of the Sentencing Reform Act which require non-violent offenders sentenced to one year or less to serve time in county jails.
- o Consistent with the intent of the Court Improvement Act of 1984, seek State funding for superior and district courts, including judicial salaries, indigent defense services, juvenile probation, and other court administration costs.
- o Seek a redistribution of State liquor profits and taxes to reflect increased county expenditures for alcohol related programs.
- o Seek State transportation funds to provide matching funds for voter approved county road service districts.
- o Support legislation seeking to establish a Statewide program for the disclosure of information about hazardous substances in the workplace and community.

o Support efforts to obtain State funding for secondary treatment of sewage. BE IT FURTHER MOVED, Consistent with the foregoing highest priority objectives, King County will also work for the passage of the thirteen additional legislative objectives set forth in Attachment A to this motion. PASSED this 14th day of James KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON ATTEST: CONCUBRING King Count

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The following are thirteen additional legislative objectives of the King County Executive and the King County Council:

General Government

- Seek an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to maintain King County's authority to levy a surface water management utility charge on county and State roads.
- o Broaden the type of park improvements that can be funded through the sale of bonds in an established Park Service Area.
- o Support an amendment to municipal annexation law to provide for annexation of unincorporated areas surrounded by incorporated areas; monitor other proposed amendments to the annexation/incorporation statutes to insure the interests of King County residents of unincorporated areas are protected.
- Support legislation providing a bond issue for Washington State Centennial programs.
- o Support legislation requiring the State to pay its fair share of election costs in even-numbered year elections.

Health and Human Services

- Seek legislation allowing more flexibility in appointing directors of joint county-city health departments.
- o Support proposals providing State funding for Youth Service Bureaus.
- o Support children's mental health legislation emphasizing services to the most seriously psychiatrically disturbed, as well as funds for secondary prevention services. Children's mental health programs should not be funded at the expense of services to acutely and chronically mentally ill adults.
- o Support proposals to establish State grants for community health clinics to increase access to health services for low income individuals.

Law, Safety and Justice

- o Seek an adjustment to the distribution of Superior Court revenue to maintain current county court revenue levels.
- Support legislation permitting the City of Seattle to provide fire inspection services for buildings at the King County International Airport at Boeing Field.
- o Support proposals for a legislative study to address the runaway youth problem and to secure State funding for the costs associated with addressing the problem.

Finance

 Support a Legislative Budget Committee study on the possibility of reducing the tort liability of State and local governments.

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