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INTRODUCED BY: Gary Grant

PROPOSED NO. 88 - 893

MOTION NO. 7409

A MOTION establishing the 1989 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 1989
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 1989 State Legislative Program;

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

The specific objectives set forth in the motion and Attachment
A represent King County's State Legislative Program for 1989. The
objectives set forth below are King County's highest priorities
for passage during the 1989 Session of the Washington State
Legislature:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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2 o Seek authority for counties to levy a local option tax on
3 beer, wine, and spirits to finance housing, support services, and
4 treatment centers for low income alcoholics and substance abusers.

5 o Seek additional funding necessary to maintain mandated
6 involuntary treatment services for the mentally ill.

7 o Seek creation of and funding for a regional system of care
8 for adults with severe mental illness.

9 o Support current and enhanced funding levels for
10 developmental disabilities, alcohol/substance abuse, housing,
11 public defense and public health programs.

12 o Support legislation to allow local governments to require
13 mitigation benefits for people displaced due to conversion or
14 demolition of mobile home parks and low income housing.

LAW AND JUSTICE

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16 o Seek legislation to require that proposed legislation
17 affecting the criminal justice system be analyzed for its long and
18 short term effects on law enforcement, the courts and on jails and
19 prisons prior to enactment.

20 o Seek legislation to help reduce overcrowding in county jails
21 including requiring that felons sentenced to six months or more be
22 housed in state detention facilities; that the home detention
23 program be broadened to include jail inmates convicted of third
24 degree burglary; and to make state prison cells available to
25 county jail inmates before they are rented to other states or the
26 federal government.

27 o Seek legislation which authorizes the creation of electoral
28 sub-districts within a unified countywide district court system as
29 currently authorized by state law.

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TRANSPORTATION

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2 o Support efforts to provide increased revenue to fund needed
3 state transportation improvements, including the SR 520/SR 202
4 interchange, the First Avenue South Bridge and HOV Lanes.

5 o Support efforts to provide increased revenue to fund needed
6 county and city transportation improvements which in
7 unincorporated King County alone require an additional \$25 million
8 per year beyond existing annual revenues through the year 2000.

9 o Support efforts to provide local sources of revenue for
10 development of a regional rail system, including the planned light
11 rail system and the South King County Commuter Rail Demonstration
12 Project.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

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14 o Seek authority for counties to establish minimum levels of
15 recycling and mixed waste collection services in unincorporated
16 areas and in any city or town contracting with the county for
17 solid waste disposal but which has not elected to implement a
18 recycling program which can be demonstrated to meet recycling
19 goals adopted by the Solid Waste Management Plan.

20 o Support legislation which encourages the use of recycled
21 materials, provides disincentives for unnecessary packaging, and
22 to set packaging standards and labeling requirements to inform
23 consumers about the impacts of disposal.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

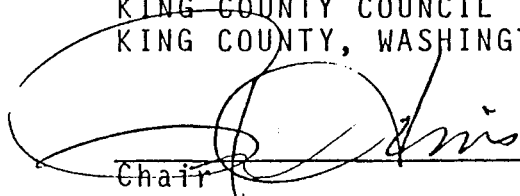
o Support Association of Counties to secure additional revenue sources for counties so that current statutorily mandated levels of service can be appropriately funded.

o Seek legislation to clarify and affirm historic and current practice concerning the disbursement of property tax revenue to other taxing districts and the retention of interest income by counties.

o Oppose legislation which mandates new or expanded responsibilities on counties but which does not provide funds to adequately carry such responsibilities out.

PASSED this 3rd day of January, 1989.

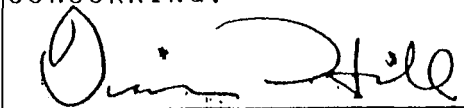
KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

CONCURRING:


Tim Hill
King County Executive

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- (1) Seek amendments to alcoholism involuntary commitment statutes which enhance treatment and seek a statewide ban on fortified wine.
- (2) Support efforts for a constitutional amendment to authorize current use assessment of low income housing.
- (3) Support recapitalization of the Washington State Housing Trust Fund.
- (4) Support measures to achieve early intervention, preventative services and enhanced program funding for children, youth and families including expanded medicaid eligibility for children and pregnant women in low-income families, increased child care monitoring and funding, implementation of foster care rate structures, training and support for teen parents and family violence concerns.
- (5) Support initiatives to provide a wider range of alternatives to nursing home care for frail elders and other disabled adults designed to help those in need maintain themselves in their own homes and communities with the help of their families and other natural care givers.
- (6) Seek funding to provide alcohol and substance abuse treatment for incarcerated youth.
- (7) Support enhanced funding for K-12 public education.

LAW AND JUSTICE

- (1) Support efforts to increase the penalties under the SRA for certain drug related sales and manufacturing offenses.
- (2) Seek legislation which provides uniform guidelines to calculate reduced sentences for "good time" served by felons incarcerated in county jails.
- (3) Support increases in court clerk fees which have not been raised in fifteen years.
- (4) Seek additional funding for the crime victims compensation program.
- (5) Oppose legislation which requires detention for youth status offenders.

TRANSPORTATION

- (1) Seek legislation which clarifies that transportation benefit districts may be governed by a mix of city and county elected officials.
- (2) Seek legislation which imposes an impact fee on heavyweight vehicles to provide a revenue share commensurate with their impact on state and local road systems.
- (3) Seek technical amendments to the Local Transportation Act of 1988 necessary for the implementation of authorized programs to establish developer participation for financing transportation improvements necessitated by growth.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

(1) Seek legislation to allow counties to create a small works roster for public works contracts valued at \$100,000 or less.

(2) Seek legislation to authorize Class AA and Class A counties to use in house labor for contracts of \$25,000 or less and to permit direct voucher purchasing for materials and supplies of \$1,000 or less in value.

(3) Support technical amendments sought by county officials to the unclaimed property act, the re-levy of personal property taxes, assessment roll billing and to employment security coverage of temporary election workers.

(4) Support Governor request legislation which appropriates funds to help defray local government security costs for the staging of the 1990 Goodwill Games.

(5) Support legislation which authorizes Metro to impose a sewer connection charge on new residential and commercial development.

(6) Oppose legislation which amends the structure of the Metro Council by simply reducing the number of federated members on the council.

(7) Support legislation which enhances county participation in municipal annexation/incorporation processes, including but not limited to lengthening the period for appealing boundary review board decisions from ten to twenty days.