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INTRODUCED BY: AUDREY GRUGER

PROPOSED NO.: 90-182

MOTION NO. **7861**

A MOTION authorizing the King County executive or his designee to sign and submit a grant application in the approximate amount of \$345,000 to the United States Department of Education for the purpose of funding a Transition to Employment Project serving youth with severe developmental disabilities.

WHEREAS, in King County there are currently 800 people with disabilities waiting for services in the adult system and there are approximately 70 high school graduates each year with severe disabilities and high support needs who are added to this waiting list, and

WHEREAS, the work skills of these young people decline while they wait for services, and

WHEREAS, most of them have not traditionally been targeted for supported employment and become institutionalized, and

WHEREAS, school districts have not always provided relevant pre-employment, training, community-based work experience and supported employment opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process has not included supported employment as a critical component; therefore, there is a significant gap in planning for the students' future, and

WHEREAS, school districts and adult service delivery system have operated as two separate, uncoordinated systems, yet both systems are essential to ensure a smooth transition for youth with severe disabilities, and

1 WHEREAS, the grant would allow King County to create a model
2 for how to transition students from school to the adult service
3 system through supported employment in the private sector;

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

5 A. The King County executive is authorized to apply for grant
6 funding in the approximate amount of \$345,000 from the U.S.
7 Department of Education for the purposed of starting a Transition
8 to Employment Project serving youth with significant disabilities.

9 PASSED this 27th day of March, 1990.

10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

12 Lois North
13 Chair

14 ATTEST:

15 Gerald A. Peterson
16 Clerk of the Council

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