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Introduced by: Lois North

Proposed No.: 90-828

MOTION NO. 8091

A MOTION calling for an evaluation of the  
King County board of health.

WHEREAS, regional service delivery and governance are being  
actively discussed by Seattle, King County, and suburban  
jurisdictions, in the context of the regional governance summit  
and the METRO reorganization, and

WHEREAS, concerns have been expressed that the King County  
board of health does not provide adequate representation to all  
local funders of health services, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for improved fiscal and  
programmatic review of proposals presented to the King County  
board of health, particularly with regard to impacts on other  
departments, and budgetary and policy impacts upon the county  
and suburban jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the Seattle-King County department of  
public health began a county-wide community health planning  
process, focusing on lack of access to primary care and its  
impact on the health status of County residents, and

WHEREAS, the health status data being collected is likely  
to raise issues about health care delivery, public and private,  
within King County,

WHEREAS, there is a need to examine efficiency,  
coordination, and regional response issues associated with  
having the Seattle-King County department of public health  
directed by two boards of health, and

WHEREAS, the selection of a new public health director and  
the transition between directors provides an opportunity to  
examine alternatives to the current boards of health;

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

The county executive is hereby asked to prepare a workplan  
to evaluate the present structure and functions of the King

1 County board of health, and to identify and evaluate  
2 alternatives to the existing board. The alternatives examined  
3 shall include a health district. The work shall be transmitted  
4 to the County Council in such a time as to provide input to the  
5 planned discussions on regional governance scheduled between  
6 King County, Seattle, and suburban jurisdictions.

7 PASSED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1990.

8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
9 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

10 Lois North  
11 Chair

12 ATTEST:

13 Gerald A. Peterson  
14 Clerk of the Council