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MOTION NO. 2428

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2 A MOTION calling upon the Department of Social
3 and Health Services of the State of Washington
4 to resume funding of the county's involuntary
5 commitment program from the state general
6 fund.

7 WHEREAS, Chapter 71.05 RCW places responsibility for the
8 involuntary commitment of gravely disabled persons with counties,
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Section 71.05.550 RCW states, "The state shall
11 provide financial assistance to the counties to enable the
12 counties to meet all increased costs, if any, to the counties
13 resulting from their administration of the provisions of this
14 1973 amendatory act", and

15 WHEREAS, Section 71.05.390 RCW contains strong confidentiality
16 requirements so that an individual's privacy will be protected,
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the Department of Social and Health Services of the
19 State of Washington has begun funding its involuntary commitment
20 obligation through Title XX of the Social Security Act, a
21 federal act, and

22 WHEREAS, it appears that the Department took this action
23 because of an appropriation from the legislature which has proven
24 inadequate to meet state mental health needs, including
25 involuntary commitment as well as other community-based programs,
26 and

27 WHEREAS, funding of the involuntary commitment program
28 through Title XX does not meet the intent of Chapter 71.05 RCW,
29 specifically Sections 71.05.550 and 71.05.390;

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

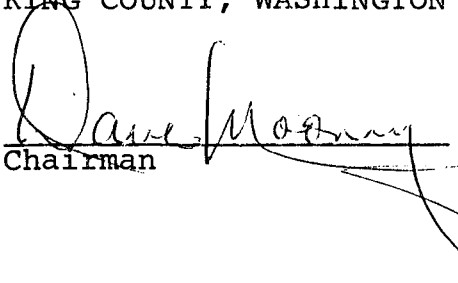
31 The King County Council joins with the County Executive and
32 the King County Mental Health Administrative Board in protesting
33 the Department of Social and Health Services' decision to fund
the county's involuntary commitment program through Title XX of
the Social Security Act.

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The King County Council calls upon the Department to resume its funding of the involuntary commitment program through the state's general fund.

PASSED this 19th day of April, 1976.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council