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Introduced by: R.R. "BOB" GEMME
Proposed No. 78-160

MOTION NO. 03398

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2 A MOTION relating to designation of the Puget
3 Sound Health Systems Agency, requesting Joseph
4 Califano, Secretary of the Department of Health,
5 Education and Welfare, to refrain from making
6 such designation, and directing transmittal of
7 this Motion to members of the Washington State
8 Congressional delegation.

9 WHEREAS, local elected officials, representing jurisdictions
10 throughout the ten-County Puget Sound Health Services Area, met
11 on January 12, 1978, under the auspices of the Puget Sound Council
12 of Governments, and

13 WHEREAS, at that meeting, local elected officials took offi-
14 cial action asking the Board of Directors of the Puget Sound
15 Health Systems Agency (PSHSA) to enter into a joint request to
16 the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare
17 that the period of PSHSA'S conditional designation be extended
18 for a reasonable length of time to allow for meaningful negotia-
19 tions, and

20 WHEREAS, items to be negotiated include size and composition
21 of the Boards of PSHSA and its subarea councils, methods by which
22 the Boards are constituted, and mechanisms for compliance with
23 the coordination requirements of PL 93-641, the National Health
24 Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974, and

25 WHEREAS, representatives of local government entered into
26 such negotiations with representations of PSHSA pending a decision
27 from the PSHSA Board of Directors on the local government request,
28 and

29 WHEREAS, local government representatives offered to PSHSA
30 alternative methods by which the period of conditional desig-
31 nation could be extended, and

32 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Puget Sound Health
33 Systems Agency in meeting on February 11, 1978, indicated its
willingness to continue negotiations but voted to reject the local
government request which would have allowed sufficient time to
conduct meaningful negotiations;

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

2 1. The King County Council finds:

3 a. The issues under negotiation directly affect the
4 Puget Sound Health Systems Agency's capability of fulfilling, in
5 a satisfactory manner, the requirement and functions of a health
6 systems agency as defined in PL 93-641, and

7 b. Therefore, grave doubt exists as to whether the
8 application by the Puget Sound Health Systems Agency meets the
9 conditions of Section 1515(c) for entering into an agreement for
10 full designation.

11 2. The Council of King County respectfully requests Joseph
12 Califano, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and
13 Welfare, to refrain from entering into an agreement with the Puget
14 Sound Health Systems Agency under the provisions of Section 1515(c)
15 of PL 93-641 until such reasonable time as negotiations between
16 PSHSA and local government have been successfully completed.

17 3. The Council of King County authorizes and directs the
18 Clerk of the Council to transmit this Motion to Secretary Califano
9 and to the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Henry M. Jackson, Joel
Pritchard, Lloyd Meeds, Don Bonker, Mike McCormack, Thomas Foley,
Norman Dicks, and Jack Cunningham.

PASSED this 27th day of February, 1978

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Burnerstein
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Alvares DEPUTY
Clerk of the Council