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Proposed No. 78-313

MOTION NO. 03-192

A MOTION relating to an application to the State of Washington for Referendum 29 funds on behalf of the Seattle Children's Home.

WHEREAS, the State of Washington, through the Department of Social and Health Services, has funds available under Referendum 29 of the Washington Futures bond package for the construction of social and health service facilities, and

WHEREAS, participation in Referendum 29 is limited to the State of Washington, any of its agencies, political subdivisions, taxing districts, municipal corporations or Indian tribes, and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Children's Home is a private agency and may act only as lessee or contract user of facilities owned by a public agency, and

WHEREAS, the Region IV Advisory Committee to the Department of Social and Health Services has included juvenile rehabilitation programs for mentally disturbed youths on its list of priorities, and

WHEREAS, King County recognizes the need for a psychiatric care facility to aid delivery of juvenile rehabilitation programs in the community, and

WHEREAS, care of mentally disturbed persons has traditionally been a State responsibility augmented by Federal funding, and

WHEREAS, King County has consistently supported human services programs, it does not now have nor does it contemplate having in the foreseeable future the funding capacity to expand its liabilities for human service programs without further financial assistance from either the Federal or State government, and

WHEREAS, the present requirements of the Department of Social and Health Services leave questions as to liabilities incurred by a local jurisdiction which sponsors a private agency for Referendum 29 funding, and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Children's Home desires to renovate an existing building and construct classrooms for use as a psychiatric

1 care facility for youth, and

2 WHEREAS, the Department of Social and Health Services, Bureau  
3 of Mental Health, has committed State funds to this facility,

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

5 1. The King County Executive is hereby authorized to assist  
6 the Seattle Children's Home in their application for Referendum 29  
7 monies.

8 2. The King County Executive is hereby authorized to contract  
9 with the Seattle Children's Home for King County sponsorship of a  
10 psychiatric care facility for youth.

11 PROVIDED THAT:

12 a. The project is in compliance with the King County  
13 Mental Health Plan.

14 b. The private agency is able to demonstrate financial  
15 stability by presenting audited financial statements for the past  
16 five years or since the creation of the agency, whichever is  
17 shorter. Such statements shall be subject to audit by the County  
18 Auditor.

19 c. The private agency is able to demonstrate its  
20 financial ability to operate and maintain the facility.

21 d. The private agency is able to meet its local match  
22 requirement.

23 3. The King County Executive is hereby authorized and  
24 directed to file and execute such application and contracts as  
25 are required by the Department of Social and Health Services.

26 PROVIDED THAT: King County receives, in advance of entering  
27 such contracts, written assurance from the Department that the  
28 Department will not require King County to operate programs in the  
29 above mentioned facilities should private agencies be unable to do  
30 so for any reason. Such assurance shall be contained in the  
31 contract.

