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INTRODUCED BY Lois North

PROPOSED BY 82-727

MOTION NO. 5629

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3 A MOTION establishing the 1983 State Legislative Program for
4 King County.

5 WHEREAS, the King County Executive and the King County Council want to
6 bring their common positions on issues facing the 1983 Washington State
7 Legislature to the attention of Washington State Legislators, to other elected
8 officials, and to King County residents; and

9 WHEREAS, the King County Executive and the King County Council want to
10 work cooperatively with other local governments and other organizations, such
11 as the Suburban Mayor's Association, the Washington State Association of
12 Counties, the Washington Association of County Officials (WACO), the
13 Association of Washington Cities, and the Council of Planning Affiliates; and

14 WHEREAS, the King County Executive and the King County Council will con-
15 tinue to review legislative developments for possible revision of King County's
16 1983 State Legislative Program;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County, the King County
18 Executive concurring:

19 The specific objectives set forth in this Motion and Attachment A repre-
20 sent King County's State Legislative Program for 1983. The ten objectives set
21 forth below are King County's highest priorities for passage during the 1983
22 Session of the Washington State Legislature.

23 The objectives set forth in Attachment A to this Motion reflect additional
24 issues King County will ask the Washington State Legislature to address during
25 the 1983 Session.

26 CATEGORY I: GRANTING MORE AUTONOMY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

27 For more than a decade, counties have urged the Washington State
28 Legislature to grant more decision-making authority to local governments over
29 matters that are strictly local in nature. In the absence of a broad legisla-
30 tive grant of "home rule" powers for counties, King County will seek selective
31 legislation authorizing greater decision-making powers for local governments.
32 The following objective will be given special attention by King County:

33 Seek legislation allowing voters in unincorporated areas to authorize the

1 sale of unlimited general obligation bonds for capital projects benefiting
2 unincorporated areas.

3 CATEGORY II: IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND JUSTICE

4 Perhaps no responsibility of a county is greater than protecting and pro-
5 moting public safety, health, and justice for its citizenry. To these ends,
6 the King County Executive and the King County Council identify the following
7 objectives as their highest priorities in this category.

8 A. Seek a 1983-85 budget for Department of Social and Health Services
9 (DSHS) community services administered by King County (mental health,
10 juvenile rehabilitation, developmental disabilities, alcohol and
substance abuse, and aging) which is adequate to carry out mandated
reponsibilities. In particular:

11 (1) Support the DSHS Involuntary Treatment Act budget request for
12 treatment and seek an increase for county administration of invo-
luntary treatment sufficient to maintain current service levels;
and

13 (2) Seek sufficient funding for local government to implement required
14 case tracking/coordination for the chronically mentally ill in the
community mental health program; and

15 (3) Support caseload growth for identified eligible clients in com-
16 munity services for the developmentally disabled.

17 B. Seek legislation providing counties with a stable, adequate, and
equitable funding source for marine patrol services.

18 C. Seek legislation to resolve funding disputes between a city/county
19 health department and cities receiving health services from the depart-
ment.

20 D. Seek legislation allowing State and local reimbursement to counties for
21 holding state-arrested, state-hold, and state-institutional inmates, as
22 well as city-arrested, prearraigned felons in county correctional
facilities.

23 E. Seek an increase in monthly good-time credit for inmates serving time
24 in county correctional facilities in order to help control inmate
population.

25 F. Seek legislation allowing counties to recover appropriate costs of
26 public defense services for delinquent children.

27 CATEGORY III: INCREASING GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS

28 Local governments are hard-pressed to provide essential public services at
29 the lowest possible cost. The following priority legislative revision would
30 enable counties to be more cost-effective with the limited tax resources pre-
sently available to them:

31 Seek legislation allowing the substitution of electronic tape recorders
32 for court reporters.

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CATEGORY IV: OTHER LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES

In addition to the legislative objectives specifically being nursued by King County, the King County Executive and the King County Council are aware of other legislation being sought by other organizations and agencies which could have significant impacts upon King County residents. The King Gounty Executive and the King County Council endorse the following items which are likely to be before the 1983 State Legislature:

- A. Support a specific line item in the State Superintendent of Public Instruction's budget providing money for detention schools located in county juvenile detention facilities, and support legislation treating detention school programs like State institutional programs.
- B. Support adopting a special fee or tax levied against liquor sales, with the revenues used to pay for arresting, prosecuting, treating, and holding drunk drivers accountable, as well as compensating victims of drunk drivers.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED,

Consistent with the priority objectives in each of the above categories, King County will also work for the passage of the proposed legislative objectives set forth in Attachment A to this Motion.

PASSED this 13th day of December, 1982.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lois North
Chairman

ATTEST:

Randy G. Ruene
Clerk of the Council

CONCURRING:

Randy Revelle
Randy Revelle
King County Executive

CATEGORY I: GRANTING MORE AUTONOMY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- A. Pursuant to Initiative 62 and a 1981 State law, seek Washington State reimbursement for the cost of training King County detention, corrections, and probation workers, supervisors, and administrators.
- B. Seek legislation allowing a local Public Health Department to establish reasonable fees for certified copies of birth and death records.

CATEGORY II: IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND JUSTICE

- A. Seek legislation allowing emergency medical and dental treatment of juveniles in detention facilities without parental consent.
- B. Seek legislation adopting the 1982 Uniform Building Code.

CATEGORY III: INCREASING GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS

- A. Seek a revision to the law providing county elections departments with lists of deceased persons, lowering the age level from 21 to 18.
- B. Seek revisions to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 50.04.270 in order to include within the definition of "casual labor" the employment of individuals for public events, such as fairs, sporting events, and conventions, or for recreational class instruction.
- C. Seek legislation allowing road improvement districts to bond for liability.
- D. Seek legislation allowing assessments on public parks to be based on their use as park lands and not on the zoning applicable to the surrounding area.
- E. Seek legislation providing for a general house-cleaning of the Sheriff's sales process under RCW Chapters 6 and 7.
- F. Seek appropriation of State funds in the 1983-85 budget providing local governments with adequate financial aid for enforcing solid waste disposal rules, as provided in the Solid Waste Act of 1969.
- G. Seek legislation allowing counties to charge individuals, businesses, and governmental entities for their contribution to surface water drainage problems.
- H. Seek legislation allowing cities to more readily annex unincorporated islands and inhibiting their creation through the annexation process.