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MOTION NO. 5698

A MOTION relating to the 1983 County Operating Budget and specifying Council policy to maintain an adequate year-end 1983 total Current Expense Fund balance.

WHEREAS, the 1983 budget adopted by the Council included an estimated year-end Current Expense Fund balance assumed to be adequate, and

WHEREAS, the Executive's analysis suggests that additional steps are required to provide an adequate year-end Current Expense Fund Balance, and WHEREAS, the Executive has proposed a sales tax increase as one means

WHEREAS, the Executive has proposed to restrict spending in specific County sponsored programs below Council appropriated amounts as an alternative means to maintain the Fund Balance, and

of maintaining the Fund Balance, and

WHEREAS, members of the Council believe that the Executive's estimates of declining revenues in 1983, the assumption of the need for additional taxes, and the impoundment of funds are premature in light of current financial information, and

WHEREAS, impounding funds appropriated by the Council could deny needed services to County residents, and

WHEREAS, should the Executive's assumptions prove valid, there is adequate time for the Council to take appropriate action to safeguard the County's fiscal integrity;

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

No earlier than the issuance of the first quarterly budget report for 1983 the Executive is requested to recommend to the Council, based on objective, documented fiscal trends during 1983, what measures are necessary to maintain an adequate 1983 year-end Current Expense Fund balance.

The Council will review the Executive's recommendation and take the I necessary action to insure the year-end Current Expense Fund balance is maintained at an adequate level. The Executive is requested to inform the Council Chairman of all proposed supplemental appropriations to the Current Expense Fund as soon as the need is identified. PASSED this 28 th day of February , 1983. KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON ATTEST: