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Introduced by: RON SIMS  
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Proposed No.: 86-347  
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MOTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A MOTION relating to law enforcement;  
requesting the executive in coordination with  
other public agencies and units of government  
to convene an intergovernmental study group;  
requesting the study group to propose the  
regionalization of appropriate law enforcement  
services.

WHEREAS, there are twenty nine units of general purpose  
government in King County providing public services to the  
1,346,000 citizens of King County, and

WHEREAS, with the exception of a relatively few jurisdictions  
who contract with King County for police services, each  
jurisdiction funds a police agency to provide law enforcement  
services deemed appropriate for an individual community, and

WHEREAS, other special purpose units of government or public  
agencies, such as the Port of Seattle and the University of  
Washington, operate police agencies for their purposes, and

WHEREAS, regionalization for selected law enforcement  
services should be seriously considered to promote the most  
qualitative and unified approach possible to combat countywide  
criminal activities by those who do not respect jurisdictional  
boundaries in committing crimes, and

WHEREAS, regionalizing selected law enforcement services can  
have the multiple benefits of expanding known quality services  
while preventing duplication of efforts; providing services in  
those jurisdictions in which the lack of facilities, manpower or  
sufficient local revenues prevents initiating such programs, and

WHEREAS, examples of law enforcement services in King County  
which could be considered for regionalization discussions  
include; K-9 programs, Bomb Disposal Units, Hostage Negotiation  
Teams, Crime Scene Processing, Emergency Response Teams, and the  
cooperative uses of communication systems, and

1           WHEREAS, there is a need for a structured review of police  
2 services to recognize those agencies judged by their peers as  
3 offering the most qualitative selected police services and  
4 regionalize such program areas as the most effective coordinated  
5 approach to countywide law enforcement, and

6           WHEREAS, a review is necessary to not only propose program  
7 areas for regionalization but also to propose strategies, program  
8 issues, legislative issues, and funding sources leading to  
9 implementation of regional law enforcement goals, and

10          WHEREAS, a structured review should be considered an  
11 intergovernmental issue calling for a study group composed of  
12 representatives of appropriate law enforcement agencies and  
13 others having a technical awareness of program issues, a public  
14 policy perspective of the relationships among participating units  
15 of government in King County;

16          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL:

17          The executive, in coordination with other public agencies and  
18 units of government, is requested to convene an intergovernmental  
19 study group for the purpose of proposing the regionalization of  
20 selected law enforcement programs.

21          It is the intent of the council that the group's initial  
22 review would focus on strategies to build upon and improve the  
23 use of, but not reduce, existing police resources.  
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1 It is also the intent of the council that the study group  
2 would propose preliminary findings to the council by September of  
3 this year. Further, the preliminary findings would speak to  
4 potential budgetary issues affecting the county's 1987 operating  
5 budget. Finally, the preliminary findings would also include a  
6 recommendation to continue or terminate the group, an agenda for  
7 future issues to be considered.

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10 PASSED this 23rd day of June, 1986.

11 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
12 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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14 Audrey Linger  
15 Chair

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17 ATTEST:

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19 Dorothy M. Owens  
20 Clerk of the Council

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