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INTRODUCED BY: Gary Grant

PROPOSED NO.: 87 - 146

MOTION NO. 6761

A MOTION requesting the Legislature of the State of Washington to authorize additional Superior Court judgeships; requesting related changes in State law; requesting related actions on the part of the County Executive and Superior Court.

WHEREAS, the county council recognizes the need to provide adequate court facilities for judges, and

WHEREAS, the King County council also recognizes the need to reduce court congestion and civil trial delays, and

WHEREAS, adding three judgeships in 1988 in combination with increasing the limit on mandatory arbitration and improving court efficiency would help to address this need, and

WHEREAS, adding three judgeships does not preclude the council from requesting additional authorization in the future should the need for more judgeships be demonstrated, and

WHEREAS, the council supports the provision of additional resources to review judicial needs;

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

A. The Legislature of the State of Washington is hereby requested to:

1. Authorize three additional judgeships for the King County Superior Court effective January 1, 1988, pending further review by King County of judicial needs in subsequent years.

2. Amend State law (RCW 2.32.180) to remove any obligation on the part of the county to provide an additional court reporter for each new judge.

3. Raise the limit on Mandatory Arbitration from \$25,000 to \$35,000, in class AA counties.

1 B. The King County Superior Court is requested to work
2 jointly with the county council to develop an appropriate
3 methodology for determining judicial needs.

4 C. The King County Superior Court and the King County
5 executive are requested to update the 1984 Space Use/Management
6 Study so as to identify the costs and benefits of, and to develop
7 plan for, implementing study recommendations.

8 D. The King County executive is requested to transmit to the
9 council by March 21, 1987 a status report on the remodeling of
10 the tenth floor of the courthouse to provide three additional
11 Superior Court courtrooms.

12 PASSED this 9th of March 1987.

13 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
14 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

15 Gary Grant
16 Chair

17 ATTEST:

18 Dorely M. Owens
19 Clerk of the Council