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INTRODUCED BY:

PROPOSED NO.: 88-829

MOTION NO. 7350

A MOTION supporting Initiative to the Legislature 97: Shall a hazardous waste cleanup program, partially funded by a 7/10 of 1% tax on hazardous substances, be enacted and urging King County voters to vote in favor of the initiative.

WHEREAS, the improper disposal of hazardous wastes is a threat to safe drinking water, public health, and the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Ecology has identified the hazardous waste problem as a "contamination epidemic" that may impact one in six residents in Washington State, and

WHEREAS, 33 hazardous waste sites have already been identified in King County with the potential for dozens more to be added to the list, and

WHEREAS, Initiative 97 will establish a program for the cleanup of hazardous wastes by making persons who were responsible for creating a hazardous waste site responsible for cleaning it up, and

WHEREAS, Initiative 97 will provide millions of dollars to counties for the cleanup of county landfills and recycling programs providing relief for local ratepayers, and

WHEREAS, Alternative Measure 97B will raise less money than Initiative 97; exempts petroleum companies from a portion of the hazardous substance tax; allows deviations from cleanup standards, the Shoreline Management Act, Clean Water and Air Acts, and other environmental laws; encourages lawsuits that stall cleanups; and shifts some of the cleanup burden from polluters to the public;

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

The King County council finds "Initiative to the Legislature 97: Shall a hazardous waste cleanup program, partially funded by a 7/10 of 1% tax on hazardous substances, be enacted" and urges King County voters to vote in favor of the initiative as the best proposal for cleaning up hazardous wastes and urges citizens and ratepayers in King County to vote in favor of Initiative 97 of election day.

PASSED this 24th day of October, 1988.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Gary Grant  
Chairman

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Owens  
Clerk of the Council