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A MOTION relating to the development of a time accounting system for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, outlining additional issues, and providing further direction to the Office of Financial Management.

WHEREAS, the King County auditor's special study of the methodology for funding legal services for non-current expense funded agencies recommended the implementation of a time keeping system for the civil division of the office of the prosecuting attorney; and

WHEREAS, the King County council included in the 1993 adopted budget a proviso requiring the office of the prosecuting attorney to devise a system for tracking how deputy prosecuting attorneys in the civil division use their time; and

WHEREAS, the proviso included in the 1993 adopted budget instructed the office of the prosecuting attorney to report to the council no later than April 1, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the office of the prosecuting attorney has responded in a timely fashion in transmitting a report consistent with the requirements of the budget proviso and auditor's special study;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the council of King County:

- A. The office of the prosecuting attorney is authorized to implement and begin using the time tracking and allocation system described in the report to the council. The proposed system shall be effective no later than July 1, 1993.
- B. The office of financial management, budget division, is requested to prepare and forward to the council a supplemental appropriation for staff support for the office of the prosecuting attorney time allocation system and to include in that transmittal a job description in support of the proposed salary for a staff support position.

C. The office of financial management, budget division, is also requested to forward to the council no later than January 31, 1994 a report proposing recommended alternatives for allocating the costs of legal services to county agencies. Although other options may be evaluated, the council strongly supports in principal the use of a direct cost billing system based on data to be generated by the time allocation system which will document time spent by civil division deputy prosecuting attorneys on current expense and non-current expense agency legal issues.

PROVIDED THAT:

- 1. The time allocation system shall begin to be used no later than July 1, 1993 for determining and charging correct amounts for legal services to all affected non-current expense funded agencies.
- 2. The office of financial management, budget division, shall be responsible for coordinating the estimating of correct amounts to be billed to non-current expense funded agencies for anticipated legal services. Said coordination shall involve the office of the prosecuting attorney and each affected non-current expense funded agency. The office of financial management, budget division, shall be responsible for reconciling differing estimates, as they may arise, from the office of the prosecuting attorney and County agencies and for documenting and defending said billing estimates.

PASSED this 10th day of May, 1923.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

chair

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council