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Introduced By:

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95-484

MOTION NO. **9620**

A MOTION regarding economic development, supporting the Northwest Rail Project and requesting the King County Executive to assist in sustaining the project.

WHEREAS, the Northwest Rail Project is a joint project of the King County Labor Council, the International Association of Aerospace Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodges 160 and 751, and the Worker Center of Seattle and King County, and

WHEREAS, thirteen thousand Machinist Union members from the Puget Sound Area have lost their jobs to the economic downturn, Department of Defense cutbacks, and the relocation of jobs to other regions and nations, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation is purchasing two passenger train sets for the High Speed Rail Corridor between Oregon and Vancouver, British Columbia, and

WHEREAS, the 103rd Congress has appropriated funds to implement high speed rail, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation is currently demonstrating the Talgo passenger train between Seattle, WA and Vancouver B.C., and

WHEREAS, local manufacture of part or all of the two train sets and other components of high speed rail could provide family wage jobs for up to two thousand unemployed skilled workers and improve the economic health of the Puget Sound region, and

WHEREAS, local manufacture of the two train sets could result in significant local economic development in the form of a permanent manufacturing concern capable of

1 building four to six more train sets for Washington, technologically advanced track and
2 grade crossing accessories for the High Speed Rail Corridor, and additional train sets and
3 accessories for other markets, and

4 WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and
5 Economic Development has entered into a contract with the Northwest Rail Project,
6 through the King County Labor Council, to develop a manufacturing consortium capable
7 of producing component parts for mass transit rail in Washington State, and

8 WHEREAS, said contract requires the Northwest Rail Project to seek support in
9 addition to that provided by the State;

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

11 The policy of King County shall be to support the Northwest Rail Project in order to create
12 local family-wage jobs and strengthen the local economy; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the King County executive is requested to
14 identify any county resources immediately available to help the Northwest Rail Project
15 meet its contractual requirements; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the King County executive is requested to
17 identify additional potential funding sources.

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21 PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 24th day of July,
22 1995.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen
Chair

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28 ATTEST:

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Gerald A. Peters
Clerk of the Council

33 Attachments: