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Introduced By:

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MOTION NO. **9722**

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2 A MOTION confirming the King County Executive's proposal  
3 to conduct a strategic planning process for the regional  
4 emergency medical services system in cooperation with cities,  
5 fire districts, private industry, labor and the medical community.  
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7 WHEREAS, the King County emergency medical services system is internationally  
8 recognized for excellence, and

9 WHEREAS, the regional emergency medical services system is a partnership of King  
10 County, cities, fire districts, private ambulance providers and others, and

11 WHEREAS, the growth of managed care systems in the health care industry will  
12 present both challenges and opportunities to the current emergency medical services system,  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, addressing those challenges and taking advantage of opportunities will  
15 require a strengthening of the regional system, and

16 WHEREAS, authorization for the current countywide emergency medical services  
17 property tax levy ends in 1997, and

18 WHEREAS, reauthorization of the emergency medical services levy will need to occur  
19 in 1997 in order to assure continued operation of the regional service delivery system, and

20 WHEREAS, a strategic planning process would be an effective method for the county,  
21 cities, fire districts, labor, and medical community and private ambulance providers to  
22 evaluate the effect of changes in health care industry on the emergency medical service  
23 system, to make recommendations regarding respective public and private roles and  
24 responsibilities, and to establish a framework for reauthorization of the emergency medical  
25 services levy in 1997;

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

27 The establishment of an emergency medical services strategic planning process  
28 proposal by the county executive is hereby confirmed, including the appointment of a  
29 committee with representatives from cities, fire districts, labor, private ambulance providers,

1 and the medical community to conduct the strategic planning process. The director of the  
2 Seattle King County department of public health or his designee shall serve as the chair of the  
3 strategic planning committee.

4 The emergency medical services strategic planning committee shall evaluate and make  
5 recommendations regarding:

6 A. The respective roles and relationships of the public emergency medical service  
7 providers and private sector providers in the King County emergency medical services system,  
8 including the scope of public emergency medical service responsibilities to be funded by local  
9 government through general or special taxes, such as the emergency medical services levy,  
10 and services supported or provided by others;

11 B. Determining the desirability and feasibility of establishing linkages, between the  
12 emergency medical services system and managed care providers and related health care  
13 delivery systems;

14 C. The establishment of a structure and means for the regional emergency medical  
15 services system's interests to be collectively represented to managed care providers and  
16 others.

17 PASSED by a vote of 9 to 0 this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1995.

18 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
19 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

20 Kent Pullen  
21 Chair

22 ATTEST:

23 Gerald A. Peterson  
24 Clerk of the Council  
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26 Attachments:  
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