

Motion No. 1250

A MOTION expressing opposition to the proposed Forest Practices Act, SHB 637, as presently drafted.

WHEREAS, the forest lands of King County and the state of Washington are an invaluable natural resource, supporting both environmental and economic wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the people of the state of Washington have indicated not only a growing concern with the quality of the environment, but also a clear preference for local control and protection of natural resources over centralized state control; and

WHEREAS, an act regulating forest practices must contain strong enforcement and penalty provisions to insure the preservation and protection of our forest lands; and

WHEREAS, the present draft of the Forest Practices Act eliminates now and for the future any opportunity for the county to regulate or control forest practices; protects economic interests in forest lands at expense of our natural resources; and contains inadequate enforcement provisions;

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

1. That King County opposes the proposed Forest Practices Act in its present form; and
2. That King County urges that a Forest Practices Act be designed to reflect the desire of the people of Washington state that counties play a significant role in protecting natural resources; which will represent a proper balance between economic and environmental values inherent in our forest lands; and which will

1 contain enforcement provisions adequate to achieve the
2 enumerated purposes and policies of the act.

3 PASSED this 24th day of August, 1973.

4 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
5 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

6 John T. O'Brien
7 Chairman

8 ATTEST:

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10 Dorothy M. Quinn
11 ACTING Clerk of the Council

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