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RESOLUTION NO. 01-301
RECOMMENDING SUPPORT OF SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5993 THAT
SEEKS TO REVISE LIMITATIONS ON SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health is committed to protecting workers, the general public, and children from tobacco exposure;

WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health in 1997 endorsed the Youth and Tobacco Action Plan focused on five key areas: preemption laws, billboard setback, banning tobacco use in restaurants, placement of tobacco products in stores and placement of advertising in stores;

WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health remains committed to reducing second hand exposure to tobacco smoke through a repeal of state preemption laws and supports legislative efforts to assure that this remains a viable option in the future;

WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health remains committed to the banning of tobacco use in restaurants;

WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health remains committed to protecting the health of all citizens;

WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health views SSB 5993 as a first step towards achieving the objectives outlined in the Youth and Tobacco Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH recommends to the Metropolitan King County Council:

1. That the County support SSB 5993 as a first step towards meeting the objectives outlined in the Youth and Tobacco Action Plan, and;
2. That Public Health - Seattle & King County be directed to support legislative activities that are consistent with, and designed to, advance the Youth and Tobacco Action Plan.

KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

s/Greg Nickels/s

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