

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 1998 - 156 A

CLEARANCES	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To
Orig. Dept.: County Council	4/15/98		4/21/98	Natural Resources
Division Head:				
Dept. Head:				
Prosecutor:				
Budget:				
Executive:				

SUBJECT:

Resolution supporting public health assessment of groundwater contamination

ATTACHMENTS

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Related County Contract #:	Should the Clerk schedule a hearing? (Y/N N Requested Date:
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Discussion regarding a proposed resolution supporting a public health assessment of the effects of groundwater contamination in northern Whatcom County

RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1998 - 156 A 4/21/98: Amended & Approved

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

Res. # 98-021

SPONSORED BY: Hoag

2 PROPOSED BY: Hoag

3 INTRODUCTION DATE: 4/21/98

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5 RESOLUTION NO. 98-021

6 IN SUPPORT OF A PUBLIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTS OF
7 GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION IN NORTHERN WHATCOM COUNTY

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10 WHEREAS, wells in the northern part of Whatcom County have been found to be
11 contaminated with banned pesticides and nitrates; and

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13 WHEREAS, the extent of the well contamination has not yet been determined; and,

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15 WHEREAS, the effects of people bathing and cooking with the contaminated water has not
16 yet been assessed; and

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18 WHEREAS, the State Department of Health is currently working to determine if there is a
19 link between contaminated wells and an apparent childhood leukemia cluster in the northern part of
20 Whatcom County; and

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22 WHEREAS, local citizens and regional organizations have already asked the Agency for
23 Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to undertake such a health assessment; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council is very concerned about the health of residents
26 residing in Whatcom County.

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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council hereby joins
29 the petition to ATSDR for a public health assessment of the effects of groundwater contamination

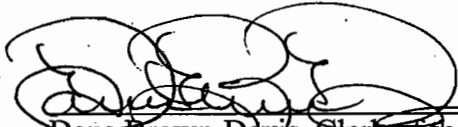
1 in Whatcom County, and hereby requests the County Administration to have the Health and Human
2 Services Department take an active role in working with other petitioners and the Agency for Toxic
3 Substances and Disease Registry to help define the scope of such an assessment.

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APPROVED this 21 day of April, 1998.

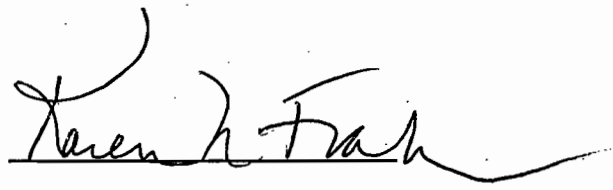
WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:


Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council


Robert Imhof, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Karen Frakes, Civil Deputy Prosecutor