

RECREATION COMMISSION

ITEM 261 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 745
Budget line No. 26

For Support of the Recreation Commission From the General Fund

Amount requested -----	\$88,502
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year -----	87,910
 Increase (0.7 percent) -----	 \$592

Summary of Increases

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and Wages -----	\$2,260	\$2,080	\$180	745	43
Operating Expenses -----	-2,312	-2,312	---	745	44
Equipment -----	644	644	---	745	45
 Total Increase -----	 \$592	 \$412	 \$180		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$88,502
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation -----	None
 Reduction -----	 \$88,502

ANALYSIS

We recommend the elimination of the Recreation Commission as it is not an essential state service. We further recommend that the records and files of the commission be transferred to the Bureau of Physical and Health Education and Recreation of the Department of Education.

Various departments of the State have personnel assigned to the promotion and correlation of recreational activities. Some of the expenditures for recreational purposes of these departments are as follows:

	<i>Proposed expenditures 1950-51</i>
Department of Education	
Bureau of Physical and Health Education and Recreation---	\$45,124
Youth Authority	
Bureau of Delinquency Prevention conducts delinquency sur- veys at request of local authorities -----	18,000
Natural Resources	
Division of Beaches and Parks	
Park Recreation -----	19,500
Outdoor Recreation Publications -----	4,220
Fish and Game Division	
Bureau of Conservation Education and Public Information---	105,995
	 \$192,839

These state expenditures for recreation are adequate, and a separate agency for the promotion of recreation is not needed.

GENERAL SUMMARY

The Recreation Commission was created by Chapter 1239, Statutes of 1947, to study the problems of recreation in California, to formulate a state recreation policy and to aid and encourage public recreation activities. The commission is comprised of seven nonsalaried members appointed by the Governor. The Director of Recreation is appointed by the Governor and is responsible for the execution of the duties authorized by the act under policies established by the commission.

We believe that the essential purposes of the Recreation Commission can be accomplished more effectively and economically by the various state activities and agencies enumerated above.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

ITEM 262 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 747
Budget line No. 33

For Support of the Department of Veterans Affairs From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$245,894
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year	239,418
Increase (2.7 percent)	\$6,476

Summary of Increases

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and Wages	\$7,111	\$7,111	---	747	47
Operating Expenses	-1,150	-1,150	---	747	48
Equipment	515	515	---	747	49
Total Increase	\$6,476	\$6,476			

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$245,894
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation	244,574
Reduction	\$1,320

ANALYSIS

Salaries and Wages

This category of expenditure reflects only normal salary increases, which amount to \$7,111 or 3.6 percent over the sum of \$197,033 estimated to be expended for this purpose in the 1949-50 Fiscal Year.

Operating Expenses

These expenditures are proposed to be decreased by \$1,150 or 2.37 percent from \$48,450 estimated to be expended in 1949-50 to \$47,300 estimated to be expended in 1950-51. While this decrease is a step in the right direction, we suggest that an additional saving can be realized and the following are recommended:

a. The proposed expenditure for telephone and telegraph for the three divisions of Administration, Educational Assistance, and Service and Coordination is \$5,200. A reduction of 10 percent, or \$520, is recommended as being within the realm of reasonable accomplishment. A close control of all toll calls and the limitation of local service for strictly business purposes should be able to achieve this saving.

b. Travel in the Division of Administration is proposed to cost \$7,400, the same amount as is estimated for the 1949-50 Fiscal Year. We suggest that this is an over-estimation due to the fact that actual expenditure for the 1948-49 Fiscal Year for this purpose was \$6,425. Since the bulk of this travel expenditure is occasioned by members of the Veterans Board, we can see no reason to anticipate a substantially greater expense for this purpose in the current Fiscal Year and in the 1950-51 Fiscal Year as compared with the 1948-49 Fiscal Year. Consequently we recommend a reduction to \$7,000 for this item, a saving of \$400.