

ANALYSIS

This item will be used to construct and completely equip and furnish a new commandant's resident at the Home. The present residence stands in the way of additional convalescent barracks construction. We recommend approval of this item.

ITEM 480 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 934
Budget line No. 71

For Minor Construction, Improvements and Repairs, Veterans' Home of California, From the General Fund

Amount budgeted	\$20,060
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation..... (Payable from Postwar Employment Reserve)	20,060
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

In line with our general policy we recommend that all minor construction items be taken from the Postwar Employment Reserve instead of from the General Fund.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

EDUCATION

Teachers' Retirement System

ITEM 481 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 940
Budget line No. 73

For Transfer to Teachers' Permanent Fund for Operation of the State Teachers' Retirement System, From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$5,368,000
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year.....	4,830,000
Increase (11.1 percent)	\$538,000

We recommend approval of \$5,368,000 as requested.

ITEM 482 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 940
Budget line No. 75

For Transfer to the Retirement Annuity Fund for Operation of the State Teachers' Retirement System, From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$11,282,000
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year.....	5,525,000
Increase (104.2 percent)	\$5,757,000

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$11,282,000 as requested. The increase was primarily brought about by legislation enacted in the 1949 Session increasing the State's contribution to this retirement system.

Free Textbooks

ITEM 483 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 941
Budget line No. 73

For Publishing, Purchasing, and Shipping Free Textbooks, Department of Education, From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$2,696,848
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year.....	1,673,154
Increase (61.2 percent)	\$1,023,694

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$2,696,848. The increase over expenditures for the current fiscal year is occasioned by increased enrollments in the elementary schools and the replacement of several regular titles expiring this year. We recommend, however, that study be given to changing the law requiring adoptions at six- to eight-year intervals, and permitting greater flexibility.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Aid to Local Health Departments

ITEM 484 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 944
Budget line No. 61

For Assistance to Cities, Counties, Local Health Agencies and Local Health Districts, for Health Departments, From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$2,956,666
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year.....	2,658,917
Increase (1.9 percent)	\$297,749

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$2,956,666 as requested.

Tuberculosis Sanitoria

ITEM 485 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 945
Budget line No. 12

For Subsidies to Counties, and Cities and Counties for Maintenance of Tuberculosis Sanitoria, Department of Public Health, From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$4,768,013
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year.....	4,603,654
Increase (3.6 percent)	\$164,359

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$4,768,013 as requested for state grants-in-aid to counties for the treatment and care of tuberculosis patients in accordance with provisions of the Health and Safety Code.

Assistance to Counties for Tuberculosis Sanitoria

ITEM 486 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 945
Budget line No. 14

For Subsidies to Counties, and Cities and Counties for Maintenance of Tuberculosis Sanitoria, Department of Public Health, From the General Fund

Amount requested ----- \$219,154

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$219,154 as a deficiency appropriation for the 1949-50 Fiscal Year.

Crippled Children

ITEM 487 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 945
Budget line No. 51

For Assistance to Counties, and Cities and Counties, to Be Expended for Services to Physically Handicapped Children, Department of Public Health, From the General Fund

Amount requested ----- \$863,739
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year ----- 609,857

Increase (41.6 percent) ----- \$253,882

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$863,739.

Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease

ITEM 488 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 945
Budget line No. 76

For Assistance to Counties, and Cities and Counties, to Be Expended for Services to Children Suffering From Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease, Department of Public Health, From the General Fund

Amount requested ----- \$479,255

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$479,255 as requested to be allocated to county health agencies in accordance with a distribution formula. No increase in expenditures is anticipated over the current fiscal year. We recommend, however, that additional study be made of the method of determining the State's contribution by administrative formula.

Cerebral Palsied Children

ITEM 489 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 956
Budget line No. 12

For Reimbursement to Local Agencies Employing Technical Personnel for the Treatment of Minors With Cerebral Palsy Attending Special Schools or Classes, Department of Public Health, From the General Fund

Amount requested ----- \$38,592

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$38,592 for assistance to school districts for employment of physical therapists.

Mosquito and Gnat Control

ITEM 490 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 946
Budget line No. 31

For Subsidies to Local Districts and Other Public Agencies for the Control of Mosquitoes and Gnats, Department of Public Health, From the General Fund

Amount requested ----- \$400,000

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of \$400,000 for assistance to local agencies in the work of controlling mosquitoes and gnats as provided in the Health and Safety Code. No expansion in this program is anticipated.

Hospital Construction

ITEM 491 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 946
Budget line No. 55

For Assistance to Local Agencies in the Construction of Hospital Facilities, Department of Public Health, From the General Fund

Amount requested ----- \$4,000,000

State's share in 1949-50 ----- 2,000,000

Increase (100 percent) ----- \$2,000,000

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$4,000,000 as requested to be expended under the provisions of the California Hospital Survey and Construction Act. This is on a matching fund basis and federal funds available under the act were doubled during the current fiscal year which will necessitate additional matching funds to be made available by the State.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Inspection of Homes and Agencies Caring for Aged and Children

ITEM 492 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 951
Budget line No. 68

For Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred by Counties and Cities in Maintaining Approved Services for the Licensing and Inspection of Agencies for Child Care, and Agencies for the Care of the Aged, From the General Fund

Amount requested ----- \$573,692

Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year ----- 502,818

Increase (14.1 percent) ----- \$70,874

We recommend approval of \$573,692 as requested.

Administration and Care of Adoptions

ITEM 493 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 952
Budget line No. 23

For Reimbursement to Counties for the Cost of Administering Adoption Programs Under License Issued Pursuant to Section 225m of the Civil Code and for the Portion of the Cost of Care of Children Relinquished for Adoption, From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$926,200
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year	412,904
Increase (124.3 percent)	\$513,296

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$926,200 as requested.

Juvenile Homes and Camps

ITEM 494 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 952
Budget line No. 57

For Reimbursements to Counties for Maintenance of Juvenile Homes and Camps, Youth Authority, From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$831,300
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year	699,300
Increase (18.9 percent)	\$132,000

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$831,300 as requested.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Flood Control

ITEM 495 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 954
Budget line No. 7

For Allocation to the State Water Resources Board for Reallocation to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, From the Flood Control Fund of 1946

Amount requested	\$1,015,800
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We recommend approval of \$1,015,800 as requested to provide state cooperation with the Federal Government in the construction of projects for flood control on the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Ballona Creek pursuant to Section 29 of the State Water Resources Act of 1945.

ITEM 496 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 954
Budget line No. 9

For Allocation to the State Water Resources Board for Reallocation to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, From the Flood Control Fund of 1946

Amount requested	\$108,600
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We recommend approval of \$108,600 as requested to provide state cooperation in the construction of the project for the Los Angeles River watershed program pursuant to Section 52 of the State Water Resources Act of 1945.

ITEM 497 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 954
Budget line No. 11

For Allocation to the Water Resources Board for Reallocation to the City of San Diego, From the Flood Control Fund of 1946

Amount requested ----- \$571,000

We recommend approval of \$571,000 as requested to provide for state cooperation in the work of improvement on the San Diego River and Mission Bay, San Diego County, pursuant to Section 46.5 of the State Water Resources Act of 1945.

OTHER PURPOSES
Salaries of Superior Court Judges

ITEM 498 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 956
Budget line No. 39

For State's Share of Salaries of Judges of Superior Courts, From the General Fund

Amount requested ----- \$1,167,250

We recommend approval of this item. The amount constitutes the State's share as provided by law.

County Veterans' Service Officers

ITEM 499 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 957
Budget line No. 17

For Contribution to Counties Toward the Compensation and Expenses of County Service Officers, From the General Fund

Amount requested ----- \$310,000
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year ----- 310,000

Increase ----- None

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted ----- \$310,000

Legislative Auditor's Recommendation ----- 310,000

Reduction ----- None

ANALYSIS

The amount requested for contributions toward compensation and expenses of county service officers in connection with the Department of Veterans' Affairs is the same as the amount estimated to be expended in the 1949-50 Fiscal Year. However, the appropriation for the 1949-50 Fiscal Year was \$330,000 of which a saving of \$20,000 is anticipated. Consequently, the amount proposed for the 1950-51 Fiscal Year is \$20,000 less than it was originally proposed for the 1949-50 Fiscal Year.

The county veterans' service officers perform a service of local contact and liaison with the veterans in connection with the establishment of claims, rights, and privileges due the veteran. The State's share in the cost of this service is approximately 45 percent with the county bearing the balance or 55 percent. Fifty-four counties have established veterans' service officers. The remaining four which have not so established this

service are the counties of Alameda, Alpine, Los Angeles and San Francisco. The state reimbursement for this service is in accordance with provisions contained in Sections 970 to 973 of the Military and Veterans' Code.

The services of the county veterans' officers appear to fulfill a greater need than is the case of the services performed by the veterans' organizations on the contract to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Therefore, we recommend approval of this item as budgeted, although we have recommended a reduction in the amount budgeted for contractual services from the veterans' organizations under Item 265 of the Budget Bill which is for a related purpose.

County Agricultural Commissioners

ITEM 500 of the Budget Bill Budget page 957
Budget line No. 40

For Salaries of County Agricultural Commissioners or Compensation for Services Performed for County Agricultural Departments, Department of Agriculture, From the General Fund

Amount requested ----- \$102,728

We recommend approval of this item as requested.

Workmen's Compensation

ITEM 501 of the Budget Bill Budget page 957
Budget line No. 63

For Furnishing of Workmen's Compensation to Disaster Service Workers, California State Disaster Council, From the General Fund

Amount requested ----- \$2,000

We recommend approval of this item as requested.

UNEMPLOYMENT DISABILITY ADMINISTRATION

ITEM 502 of the Budget Bill Budget page 1031
Budget line No. 31

For Administration of Unemployment Compensation Disability Benefits, Department of Employment, From the Unemployment Compensation Disability Fund, in Accordance With the Following Schedule:

Salaries and Wages -----	\$2,166,185
Operating Expenses -----	564,776
Equipment -----	17,578

Total ----- \$2,748,539

Less: Estimated amounts payable from Unemployment Administration Fund ----- —32,142

Net appropriation ----- \$2,716,397

RECOMMENDATION

Amount budgeted ----- \$2,716,397

Legislative Auditor's Recommendation ----- 2,716,397

Reduction ----- None