

LEGISLATURE

ITEMS 1-16 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 7
Budget line No. 65

For Support of the Legislature From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$1,320,266
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year	3,244,366
Decrease (59.3 percent)	<u>\$1,924,100</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$1,320,266
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	<u>1,320,266</u>
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The request for the support of the Legislature for 1951-52 shows a decrease of \$1,924,100 or 59.3 percent under 1950-51 due primarily to the fact that the 1950-51 Budget provides for expenditures of a general session for a period of 120 legislative days, while the proposed 1951-52 request provides for expenditures of only a 30-day legislative budget session.

Also, the 1950-51 Budget provided for approximately \$350,000 in capital outlay for furnishing legislative offices and committee rooms in the new Capitol Annex. There are no proposed capital outlay expenditures in the 1951-52 request.

This budget request assumes that there will be no expenditures for special sessions.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

ITEM 17 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 15
Budget line No. 8

For Support of the Legislative Counsel Bureau From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$243,126
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year	<u>303,045</u>
Decrease (19.8 percent)	\$59,919

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$37,883	---	---	15	75
Operating expense	6,749	---	---	16	17
Equipment	17,792	---	---	16	25
Reimbursements	2,505	---	---	16	29
Total increase	<u>\$59,919</u>	---	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$243,126
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	<u>243,126</u>
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The decrease of \$59,919 is attributable to a decrease in the number of days in the legislative session in 1951-52 and a return to normal expenditures for equipment. The 1949-50 Fiscal Year is a more comparable year with 1951-52. Total expenditures for 1951-52 have increased 17 percent over 1949-50. This increase is largely a result of new positions and reclassifications approved for the current year.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

CODE COMMISSION

ITEM 18 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 17
Budget line No. 8**For Support of the Code Commission From the General Fund**

Amount requested	\$30,530
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year	33,035
Decrease (7.6 percent)	\$2,505

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	---	---	---	---	---
Operating expense	-\$2,505	-\$2,505	---	17	30
Equipment	---	---	---	---	---
Total increase	-\$2,505	-\$2,505	---	---	---

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$30,530
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	30,530
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The program of the Code Commission is nearing completion in the sense that all codes planned to be written are about completed. Part of the work for 1951-52 will consist of preparing a list of statutes remaining in force that have not been included in the codes. Some of the codes written 10 years ago have been amended in such a way that they have become difficult to use. This clean-up work will involve an amount of work nearly equivalent to that performed during the current year. We recommend approval of the amount requested.

In order that the benefits gained by codification are not lost, a continuous formal revision program should be planned. The statute creating the Legislative Counsel Bureau gives it authority to do this.

The Code Commission is now considering a new program which may result in there being proposed to the 1951 Session that either the Code Commission or another agency be given the responsibility of the substantive revision of the law. Substantive revision of law is the process by which the meaning and effect of existing statutes are changed so as to accommodate them to changing conditions. Only New York appears to be actively carrying on such a program.

COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

ITEM 19 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 18
Budget line No. 7

*For Support of the Commission on Uniform State Laws
From the General Fund*

Amount requested	\$3,500
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year	3,275
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Increase (6.9 percent)	\$225

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages					
Operating expense	\$225	\$225		18	28
Equipment					
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Total increase	\$225	\$225			

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$3,500
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	3,500
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Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The increase of \$225 is to provide reporters for hearings on the proposed uniform Commercial Code. The major expense of this agency is for travel of the commissioners to the meetings of the national conference. The State contributes \$750 annually to the support of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

SUPREME COURT

ITEM 20 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 19
Budget line No. 8

For Support of the Supreme Court From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$367,213
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year	369,565
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Decrease (0.6 percent)	\$2,352

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	-\$3,655	-\$3,655		19	49
Operating expense	540	540		19	65
Equipment	763	763		19	73
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Total increase	-\$2,352	-\$2,352			

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$367,213
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	367,213
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Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The amount of \$367,213 requested for 1951-52 is a decrease of \$2,352 over estimated expenditures for the current year, but is \$9,199 above actual expenditures in 1949-50.

Estimated expenditures for 1950-51 have been increased by allocations from the Emergency Fund in the amount of \$8,992. Operating expenses were increased by this allocation in the amount of \$2,925, the significant item being an increase in travel of \$1,000 in order that research attorneys may accompany the court to Los Angeles. This is an added service to the court. Salaries and wages were increased \$5,000 from the Emergency Fund to employ an additional assistant reporter of decisions. Upon the retirement of the reporter of decisions the court proposed in 1949 that the work of reporting the decisions of the appellate courts could be performed by the chief research attorney and one assistant. The court now believes an additional assistant is needed. This results in three positions in the reporter of decision's office where there were formerly only two. However, the former positions of reporter of decisions and chief research attorney have been combined in one position.

Expenditures for 1951-52 are budgeted at the present level. We recommend approval of the amount requested.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

ITEM 21 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 21
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Judicial Council From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$78,161
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year.....	81,000
Decrease (3.5 percent)	<u>\$2,839</u>

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	—\$244	—\$244	---	21	42
Operating expense	—2,470	—2,470	---	21	57
Equipment	—125	—125	---	21	64
Total increase	<u>—\$2,839</u>	<u>—\$2,839</u>	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$78,161
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	<u>78,161</u>
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The amount of \$78,161 requested for 1951-52 is a decrease of \$2,839 over estimated expenditures for the current year but is \$9,193 above actual expenditures of 1949-50.

The decrease over the current year is largely due to the necessity of printing the biennial report in 1950-51.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.