

**Department of Public Works
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

ITEM 263 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 795
Budget line No. 45

For Additional Support of Watermaster Service From the Watermaster Fund

Amount requested	\$27,265
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year.....	26,670
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Increase (2.0 percent).....	\$595

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$27,265
Legislative Auditor's recommendation.....	27,265
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Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

Total proposed expenditure for the Watermaster Service for the Fiscal Year 1952-53 is \$61,282. Of this amount one-half, or \$30,641, is to be appropriated from the General Fund including contributions to the retirement system. The other one-half is obtained as revenue from the water users who are beneficiaries of the Watermaster Service Fund.

The Watermaster Service adjudicates water rights and supervises the distribution of water. In our analysis of the Division of Water Resources we have proposed that additional consideration be given to the elimination of the State's contribution for Watermaster Service. However, since this would require legislation, we are recommending that the request for 1952-53 be allowed as requested.

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

ITEM 264 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 809
Budget line No. 7

For Support of Aeronautics Commission From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$112,249
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year.....	112,888
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Decrease	\$639

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages.....	\$2,406	\$2,406	---	809	48
Operating expense	—1,370	—1,370	---	809	68
Equipment	—1,175	—1,175	---	810	8
Reimbursements:					
Service to other					
state agencies	—500	—500	---	810	13
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Total increase	—\$639	\$—639	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$112,249
Legislative Auditor's recommendation.....	101,489
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Reduction	\$10,760

ANALYSIS

We recommend the following reductions:

	Amount	Budget page	Line No.
1 Field representative.....	\$6,060	809	34
Elimination of overtime.....	500	809	43
Elimination of temporary help.....	500	809	42
Reduction in printing.....	1,200	809	52
Reduction in airplane operation.....	2,500	809	62
Total	\$10,760		

There are two existing positions of field representatives. An analysis of the work performed by these field representatives indicates that the major portion of their time is devoted to public relations, such as attending and making speeches at meetings, meeting with various people in the aviation field, and performing routine office work.

Over three-fourths of one of the field representative's time was spent in preparing plans for civil defense. This work is now complete.

By a curtailment in such activities, one field representative is adequate to perform the functions of the commission required of this position.

We further recommend eliminating \$500 in overtime and \$500 in temporary help.

Since a large part of the activities of this commission are in the nature of planning and promotion rather than work load in the administration of regulatory laws, we believe that the necessity for overtime and temporary help can easily be controlled, and should be largely eliminated.

In reviewing the printed schedule, \$1,600 is proposed to be expended for printing a manual on crop dusting. This manual need not be printed but could be done by other reproducing processes at a cost not to exceed \$400. We, therefore, recommend that this item be reduced by \$1,200.

We recommend that plane operations be reduced by \$2,500. The Aeronautics Commission maintains three planes—a Fairchild, Bonanza and Navion. One of these, the Fairchild, is scheduled for disposal in the Budget. We recommend, in addition, that the Navion be disposed of. Review of the logs of the three planes shows that a large number of trips were made within a short range. We question the economy of such operation of the plane when there is considered the time spent in traveling to and from the airport.

The use of one plane would be sufficient for the agency.

We recommend that the entire function of the Aeronautics Commission be carefully reviewed for next year, and that there be legislative appraisal at the General Session of the accomplishment of this agency to date.

GENERAL SUMMARY

The functions of this agency are derived from the Aeronautics Commission Act, Chapter 1379, Statutes of 1947. The agency is empowered and directed to:

1. Encourage, foster, and assist in the development of aeronautics in the State.
2. Encourage the establishment of airports and air navigation facilities.
3. Cooperate with and assist the Federal Government, political subdivisions of the State and others in the development of aeronautics, and coordinate the aeronautical activities of these bodies.