

plant deterioration than was anticipated, and consequently, the \$4,000,000 has not been sufficient to cover the entire program.

The item being requested now would take up the balance of that program as well as provide some money for unexpected flood damage at various state agencies. The money cannot be expended except upon allocation by the Director of Finance and the Public Works Board. Consequently, we recommend that this item be approved as requested.

ITEM 413 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1088
Budget line No. 27

For Transfer to the Capital Outlay and Savings Fund From the General Fund

Amount budgeted	\$86,573,895
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	86,573,895
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

This item represents an augmentation to the Capital Outlay and Savings Fund needed to finance the projects contained in the Governor's Budget for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year. While generally we have recommended deferment of many of the items contained in the program because of lack of preliminary planning and excessive costs under current economic conditions, we recognize the fact that a program totaling approximately the same amount will eventually be needed. Consequently, in the interest of assuring that such a program can be financed, we recommend that these funds be transferred as requested.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

**Department of Education
EQUALIZATION AID**

ITEM 414 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1090
Budget line No. 29

For Additional Equalization Aid to School Districts From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$12,000,000
Estimated to be expended in the 1951-52 Fiscal Year	None
Increase	\$12,000,000

ANALYSIS

This is a new item which is in the Budget Bill for the first time. It is to provide additional equalization aid to school districts over and above that provided by existing law, to be distributed in accordance with a formula which is to be presented to the Legislature by the Governor.

Until the details of the proposal are made available, we have no recommendation on this item.

CHILD CARE CENTERS

ITEM 415 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1093
Budget line No. 9*For Support of Child Care Centers From the General Fund*

Amount requested	\$5,404,115
Estimated to be expended in the 1951-52 Fiscal Year.....	5,411,001
Decrease (0.1 percent)	\$6,886

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$5,404,115
Legislative Auditor's recommendation.....	4,976,528
Reduction	\$427,587

ANALYSIS

In our opinion there is approximately \$1,100,000 over-budgeted for Child Care Centers for the 1951-52 and 1952-53 Fiscal Years. The 1951-52 Fiscal Year is over-budgeted by \$673,306 and the 1952-53 Fiscal Year has \$427,587 in excess of needs. We recommend that the budget be adjusted accordingly. The 1952-53 Budget request includes an arbitrary 10 percent increase in estimated expenditures which we feel is too high and, therefore, recommend that 5 percent be budgeted for anticipated increased attendance in the centers.

Chapter 1263, Statutes of 1951, provided that the average state support shall be as near as possible to 25 cents per hour for children under 5 years 9 months of age and 16 cents per hour for children over 5 years 9 months of age. The department has maintained the state-wide average at 25.58 cents for the first group and 16.06 cents for the latter group.

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

ITEM 416 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1095
Budget line No. 40*For Transfer to Teachers' Permanent Fund for Operation of the State Teachers' Retirement System From the General Fund*

Amount requested	\$5,825,700
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year.....	4,952,500
Increase (17.6 percent)	\$873,200

ANALYSIS

The amount requested is computed as follows:

Retirement allowances	\$6,004,500
Less: surpluses from prior appropriations.....	178,800
Net total	\$5,825,700

The amount requested from the General Fund is \$5,825,700 for payment of teachers' retirement. This amount covers that part of anticipated payment allowances not provided for by member contributions made for services since 1944 or by current contributions of school districts and other employing agencies. We recommend approval of the amount requested.

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

ITEM 417 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1095
Budget line No. 41

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

Amount requested	\$12,696,300
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year.....	11,437,060
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Increase (11.0 percent)	\$1,259,240

ANALYSIS

The amount requested is computed as follows :

Retirement allowances	\$12,812,587
Less : Surpluses from prior appropriations.....	116,287
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Net total	\$12,696,300

The amount requested from the General Fund is \$12,696,300 for payment of teachers' retirement allowances. This amount covers that part of the estimated allowances to be paid during 1952-53 which is not funded by members' contributions for services performed since 1944, or by current contributions of school districts and other employing agencies. The amount requested also includes subventions to local retirement systems in accordance with Section 14565 of the Teachers' Retirement Act.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

FREE TEXTBOOKS

ITEM 418 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1096
Budget line No. 25

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

Amount requested	\$2,586,954
Estimated to be expended in the 1951-52 Fiscal Year.....	2,782,243
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Decrease (7.0 percent)	\$195,289

ANALYSIS

The amount requested for publishing, purchasing, and shipping of free textbooks is \$2,586,954. This is \$195,289, or 7.0 percent, less than the estimated expenditure for the 1951-52 Fiscal Year. However, because it will not be possible to print all of the books budgeted for the 1951-52 Fiscal Year, \$504,000 has been transferred for expenditure in the 1952-53 Fiscal Year. If this had not been necessary, then the 1952-53 request would have been \$2,082,954 as compared with an estimated expenditure of \$3,286,243 for the 1951-52 Fiscal Year. The decrease would have been \$1,203,289, or 36.6 percent, less than the expenditure for the current year.

The only new adoption will be the Civics Series costing \$165,000 in the 1952-53 Fiscal Year. The balance of the printing is for reprints of existing books.

The amount of \$774,287 is budgeted for royalties which have increased considerably due to the large printing schedule of the current year.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

**Department of Public Health
AID TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS**

ITEM 419 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1098
Budget line No. 53

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

Amount requested	\$3,094,044
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	2,750,794
Increase (12.5 percent)	\$343,250

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$3,094,044
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	3,094,044
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$3,094,044 as requested. These funds are allocated to qualifying local health departments which meet minimum standards established by the State Board of Public Health. These funds are distributed in accordance with the formula set forth in Section 1141 of the Health and Safety Code. The law provides for a basic allotment, to administrative bodies serving one or more counties, of \$16,000, or sixty cents per capita per county, whichever is the lesser. If a county is divided into two or more local health department jurisdictions, the basic allotment is divided in proportion to population served, except that no funds are made available to independent health departments serving cities of less than 50,000 population. The law further provides that after deducting amounts allowed for basic allotments the balance of the appropriation shall be allotted on a per capita basis to the administrative body of each local health department in the proportion that the population of the local health jurisdiction bears to the population of the State as a whole.

The amount requested is based on a population estimate of 11,385,000 and would provide a per capita distribution of \$0.20612 in addition to the basic allotments. This continues the same level of state assistance on a per capita basis as presently in effect and the increased amount requested is directly related to the estimated increase in population.

In addition to the amount appropriated by this item, an estimated \$717,260 in federal funds will be available for distribution to local health departments.

TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA

ITEM 420 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1099
Budget line No. 31

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

Amount requested	\$5,187,681
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	4,936,772
Increase (5.1 percent)	\$250,909

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$5,187,681
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	5,187,681
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

We recommend approval of this item in the amount of \$5,187,681 as requested for state grants-in-aid for the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients. The amount of the tuberculosis subsidy to cities, counties and cities and counties is established by Section 3301.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN SERVICES

ITEM 421 of the Budget Bill Budget page 1099
Budget line No. 60

*For Assistance to Counties for Crippled Children Services
From the General Fund*

Amount requested	\$3,000,000
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	1,350,280
Increase (122.2 percent)	\$1,649,720

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$3,000,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	3,000,000
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The amount of \$3,000,000 requested for assistance to counties in the care and treatment of crippled children represents the consolidation of three items in previous budgets. A comparison of proposed expenditures by function with estimated expenditures for the current year is as follows:

<i>Function</i>	<i>Estimated</i>		<i>Proposed</i>		<i>Increase</i>	
	<i>1951-52</i>	<i>1952-53</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Percent</i>		
Basic program, (treatment only) ----	\$1,350,280	\$1,677,000	\$326,720	24.2		
Rheumatic (treatment only)	636,520	986,000	349,480	54.9		
Cerebral palsy (care and appliances)	266,000	337,000	71,000	26.7		
Total (services supported by this item)	\$2,252,800	\$3,000,000	\$747,200	33.2		
Other State Services:						
State operations (diagnosis and administration)	\$885,380	\$1,026,788	\$171,408	20.0		
Therapeutic services cerebral palsy	348,586	389,526	40,940	11.7		
Total state cost, crippled children's service	\$3,456,766	\$4,416,314	\$959,548	27.8		
County Contributions:						
Treatment and administration	\$1,662,719	\$1,702,068	\$39,349	2.4		
Estimated total program cost	\$5,119,485	\$6,118,382	\$998,897	19.5		

Percentage state cost to total program, 1951-52—67.5
Percentage state cost to total program, 1952-53—72.2

The legal basis for the entire program is found in the Crippled Children's Act (Division 1, Part 1, Chapter 2, Article 2, Health and Safety Code), which was enacted in 1927. The State Department of Public Health is directed by this act to establish and administer a program for handicapped children. It further directs the department to seek out handicapped children and provide expert diagnosis. During the first 10 years children with orthopedic, eye and plastic defects and those with multiple congenital anomalies were covered. Since that initial period of operation, the scope of the program has been broadened to include many categories of crippling conditions not originally considered. In 1940 rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease and programs operated only in demonstration areas and were financed from federal funds. In 1949 the Legislature appropriated money for a state-wide rheumatic fever program. In 1943 a program for treatment of conditions leading to the loss of hearing was added and in 1946 a program for children with cerebral palsy was established by legislative action.

The Crippled Children's Act makes it mandatory upon the county to appropriate not less than one-tenth mill on each dollar of assessed property valuation for the purpose of financing the program. The State through its subvention program has made available to the counties for the treatment of crippled children increasing amounts each year to augment funds made available by the counties. The rapidly increasing cost to the State is the result of a combination of factors, namely, (1) additional counties organizing programs for crippled children and expansion of existing programs (all but one county now has an organized program); (2) expanding scope of the program to include additional categories as medically eligible; (3) increased cost of treatment and care; and (4) normal increase due to State's growth. The result has been both an increase in total program cost and an increased percent of total cost financed from state funds.

Since 1949, the amounts required and the limitation of funds available for the various counties for the basic crippled children program and the rheumatic fever program have been based on separate formulas established by administrative regulation. It is proposed during the budget year to review basic information on incidence of crippling defects and total program needs with the objective of making recommendations relative to establishing an adequate and equitable distribution formula and recommending changes in the present law where necessary.

The department, based on experience to date, estimates that a total program of treatment and care, exclusive of diagnosis and state administration, will cost approximately 8.5 million dollars, or approximately 80 cents per capita. This estimate is based on present population figures and does not include funds for the care of polio cases which are now financed from other sources, or funds for the employment of therapists for schools and classes for children suffering from cerebral palsy.

During the budget year, therefore, the department requests \$3,000,000 for the crippled children subvention with the proposal that the items be combined and application of existing formulas not be required in the budget year. It has been agreed, however, that no counties would be allotted funds in excess of the total that would be available under the combined formulas, or the difference between the amounts appropriated by the respective counties and an amount equal to 75 cents per capita,

whichever is the larger. It is proposed that 92 percent of the amount requested by this item will be allocated on the basis of an appraisal of need and 8 percent will form a reserve fund to cover emergency situations or correct inequities in the original appraisal.

We believe the crippled children service to be an excellent program and therefore recommend approval of the amount requested provided that the maximum program be limited in the budget year to money appropriated.

RHEUMATIC FEVER AND RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE

ITEM 422 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1101
Budget line No. 11

For Assistance to Counties, Cities, and Cities and Counties, for Services to Physically Handicapped Children, From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$335,265
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	---
Increase	\$335,265

ANALYSIS

We recommend approval as requested. The rapid expansion of the program for treatment of children suffering from rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart diseases during the current year resulted in a request for authority to operate on a deficiency basis. The amount appropriated by this item is for expenditure during the current year and augments the \$479,255 appropriated by Item 373, Budget Act of 1951.

CEREBRAL PALSIED CHILDREN

ITEM 423 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1101
Budget line No. 37

For Assistance to Local Agencies and Costs to the State for the Employment of Technical Personnel for Treatment of Minors With Cerebral Palsy Attending Special Schools or Classes, Department of Public Health, From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$389,526
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	86,832
Increase (348.6 percent)	\$302,694

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$389,526
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	389,526
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The amount requested will provide for the continued employment of 27 therapists employed from subvended funds appropriated by this item during the current year. In addition, provision is made for the employment of 74 therapists for which funds are budgeted under support during the current year.

Estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year for the employment of therapists are as follows:

74 positions -----	\$290,754
Estimated salary savings -----	29,000
Net expenditure -----	<u>\$261,754</u>
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27 positions -----	<u>\$86,832</u>
Estimated expenditure for therapists, 1951-52 -----	<u>\$348,586</u>

The amount of \$389,526 requested by this item is, therefore, an increase of \$40,940, or 11.7 percent, over the amount of \$348,586 estimated for expenditure during the current year. The request is based on the same number of positions proposed for the current year, but a fuller occupancy of these positions is anticipated. Provision is made for normal salary adjustments and additional travel in the budget year in the amount of \$4,000.

The policy of the department is to transfer personnel provided by this item to local agency pay rolls as rapidly as possible.

We recommend approval as submitted.

MOSQUITO AND GNAT CONTROL

ITEM 424 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1101
Budget line No. 62

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
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year -----	<u>400,000</u>
Increase -----	None

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$400,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----	<u>400,000</u>
Reduction -----	None

ANALYSIS

Authority for this program is found in Chapter 5.5 of Division 3 of the Health and Safety Code. This chapter on mosquito control was added by Chapter 704, Statutes of 1947, and amended by Chapter 695, Statutes of 1949, to include the control of gnats. Section 2426 provides that the department may enter into cooperative agreements with any local district or public agency engaged in the control of mosquitoes or gnats or both under conditions to be prescribed by the State Board of Public Health. Such agreements may provide for financial assistance by the State but the State's total contribution shall not exceed 50 percent of the entire cost of the proposed activity.

The amount requested is the same as originally appropriated by the Legislature and the same amount has been appropriated each year since.

We recommend approval as submitted.

HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION

ITEM 425 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1102
Budget line No. 35

*For Assistance to Local Agencies for Hospital Construction
From the General Fund*

Amount requested	\$1,000,000
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	2,295,383
Decrease (56.4 percent)	<u>\$1,295,383</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$1,000,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	1,000,000
Reduction	<u>None</u>

ANALYSIS

This item requests that an additional \$1,000,000 be appropriated from the General Fund, and in addition any amounts remaining unexpended on June 30, 1952, in the appropriation made by Item 376, Budget Act of 1951. It is estimated that the amount of \$870,433 available for expenditure during the current year will not be obligated. Therefore, based on this estimate, this item would make available the total amount of \$1,870,433 for expenditure in the 1952-53 Fiscal Year. The total proposed expenditure program for state funds represents a decrease of \$424,950, or 18.5 percent, under the amount of \$2,295,383 estimated for expenditure in the current year.

The funds appropriated by this item would provide for continued participation in the Federal Hospital Construction Program (Public Law 725) on a matching basis. Authority for this program is found in Sections 430-435.7 of the Health and Safety Code. The code provides that the amount of state assistance which shall be provided to any public agency for hospital construction shall be a sum equal to the assistance received by the public agency for that hospital under the federal act, but in no event shall the amount of the state assistance exceed one-third of the cost of construction of the hospital.

The fact that all hospitals qualify for federal funds, while voluntary nonprofit hospitals do not qualify for state funds, has resulted in a greater expenditure of federal than state funds. Up to and including October 5, 1951, there have been allocated for hospital construction under this program \$14,838,817 in federal funds and \$7,529,867 in state funds. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 58, if approved in the General Election of 1952, will make nonprofit hospitals eligible for state as well as federal funds. To date the program has assisted 57 projects, including 10 health centers and 47 hospitals. When all of these beds are completed, they will add bed capacity in the State of 2,958 beds. Despite substantial construction since World War II, hospital survey data indicate that California now has approximately two-thirds the number of hospital beds it requires.

We recommend approval as submitted.

Department of Public Works

FLOOD CONTROL

ITEM 426 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1103
Budget line No. 63

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

Amount requested	\$35,400
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	None
Increase	\$35,400

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$35,400
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	35,400
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The amount of \$35,400 is requested to provide for state cooperation with the Federal Government in the construction of a watershed project in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

We recommend approval.

FLOOD CONTROL

ITEM 427 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1103
Budget line No. 64

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

Amount requested	\$317,000
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	964,000
Decrease (67.1 percent)	\$647,000

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$317,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	317,000
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The amount of \$317,000 is requested to provide for state cooperation in the work of improvement on the San Diego River and Mission Bay, pursuant to Section 46.5 of the State Water Resources Act of 1945.

We recommend approval.

FLOOD CONTROL

ITEM 428 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1105
Budget line No. 5

For Support of Storm and Flood Damage Repair From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$1,000,000
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	None
Increase	\$1,000,000

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$1,000,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	None
Reduction	\$1,000,000

ANALYSIS

This request is for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund for storm and flood damage repair to be expended by the Department of Public Works upon a matching basis with local governments or districts, pursuant to the provisions applicable to the appropriation made by Chapter 13, Statutes of 1951. We recommend disapproval of the amount requested for the following reasons:

1. Approval of this item would more or less establish the policy of an annual budget act appropriation of at least \$1,000,000 in anticipation of flood or storm damage.
2. This request is from the General Fund, whereas prior appropriations for flood damage repair have been from special funds already appropriated for local purposes or from interest accumulations on those funds.
3. The amount of \$1,500,000 appropriated by Chapter 13, Statutes of 1951, was largely for an emergency situation resulting from flood damage by floods during the winter of 1950. Comparable emergency conditions have not existed during the winter of 1951. Since flood conditions are likely to arise either prior to or during a session of the Legislature, we believe that the policy can be established and appropriated for at each session as the necessity for repair of damage is indicated.

Social Welfare

LOCAL INSPECTION OF HOMES AND AGENCIES, CARE FOR AGED AND CHILDREN

ITEM 429 of the Budget Bill Budget page 1112
Budget line No. 9

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

Amount requested	\$731,300
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	635,000
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Increase (15.2 percent)	\$96,300

ANALYSIS

We recommend approval of this item as submitted.

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION, LOCAL INSPECTION

ITEM 430 of the Budget Bill Budget page 1112
Budget line No. 10

For Deficiency Appropriation for Local Inspection of Homes and Agencies Caring for Aged and Children From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$40,847
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	None
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Increase	\$40,847

ANALYSIS

We recommend approval of this item as submitted.

REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES FOR ADMINISTRATION AND CARE OF ADOPTIONS

ITEM 431 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1112
Budget line No. 45

For Reimbursement to Counties for Administration and Care of Adoptions From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$1,106,795
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	928,767
Increase (19.2 percent)	\$178,028

ANALYSIS

We recommend approval of this item as submitted. However, we point out that in our report on "Administration and Cost of California's Adoption Programs," which we submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on October 26, 1951, and which was referred by that Committee to the Senate Social Welfare Committee for study and recommendation, we included recommendations for long range improvements in this program.

TRANSPORTATION OF NEEDY CHILDREN

ITEM 432 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1113
Budget line No. 40

For Reimbursement to Counties for the Cost of Transporting Needy Children to Homes Without the State Pursuant to Section 1580, Welfare and Institutions Code, From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$5,000
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	None
Increase	\$5,000

ANALYSIS

We recommend approval of the item as submitted. In 1951-52 this item appears as a support expenditure, in the Department of Social Welfare, in the amount of \$3,000.

**Youth Authority
JUVENILE HOMES AND CAMPS**

ITEM 433 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1113
Budget line No. 58

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

Amount requested	\$690,000
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	690,000
Increase	None

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$690,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	690,000
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The above funds represent the State's share of maintaining juvenile homes and camps established by counties pursuant to Sections 950-960 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

The State's share is determined on a reimbursement basis to the counties based on one-half of the operating costs, not to exceed an average of \$80 per month per ward.

A total of 760 wards are scheduled to be cared for under this program. We recommend approval of the item.

Subventions for Other Purposes

SALARIES OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

ITEM 434 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1114
Budget line No. 45

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

Amount requested	\$1,552,500
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	1,465,819
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Increase (5.9 percent)	\$86,681

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$1,552,500
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	1,552,500
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Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

Under the provisions of Section 736 (b) of the Political Code, the State contributes \$7,500 per year toward the salary of each judge of the superior courts. The amount budgeted is to provide this amount for each of the 207 judges authorized by existing law.

We recommend approval of this item as submitted.

COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICERS

ITEM 435 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1115
Budget line No. 21

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

Amount requested	\$350,000
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	341,786
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Increase	\$8,214

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$350,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	350,000
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Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

This item is requested pursuant to Section 972 of the Military and Veterans Code, which authorizes the Veterans Welfare Board *at its own discretion* to assist in defraying the cost of salaries and expenses of county service officers and assistants. The code establishes no minimum of assistance but does establish a maximum of \$75 per month toward the salary of the county service officer. Neither minimum or maximum is established for the amount of assistance which may be given toward the salaries and expenses of assistants to the county service officers nor of the expenses of the county service officer.

The Veterans Welfare Board has determined a policy of assistance to the counties based upon 95 percent of the salary or \$75 per month, whichever is lesser, of the county service officer, 80 percent of the salary of the first assistant, 50 percent of the salaries of all other employes and 90 percent, or \$50 per month, whichever is the lesser, of all operating expenses. Experience indicates that this policy results in a sharing of the total cost to the extent of 45 percent state and 55 percent county. Fifty-four counties are involved in the program, the other four counties not having established county service officers.

The increase for the proposed 1952-53 Fiscal Year over the current fiscal year is based on anticipated salary adjustments at the county level. We recommend approval of this item as requested.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONERS

ITEM 436 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1115
Budget line No. 44

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

Amount requested	\$117,296
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	113,527
Increase (3.3 percent)	\$3,769

ANALYSIS

We recommend approval of this item as submitted. Under Section 63.5 of the Agricultural Code, the State pays two-thirds of the salaries of agricultural commissioners, not to exceed \$3,000.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FOR CIVIL DEFENSE WORKERS

ITEM 437 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 1115
Budget line No. 71

For Furnishing of Workmen's Compensation to Civil Defense Workers, Office of Civil Defense, From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$25,000
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	15,000
Increase (66.7 percent)	\$10,000

ANALYSIS

We recommend approval as submitted.