

LEGISLATURE

ITEMS 1-16 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 7
Budget line No. 48

For Support of the Legislature From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$2,394,536
Estimated to be expended in 1952-53 Fiscal Year	3,267,929
Decrease (26.7 percent)	\$873,393

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$2,394,536
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	2,394,536
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The 1953-54 budget request for legislative expense provides for the Budget Session of 1954 and for this reason is \$873,393 or 26.7 percent below estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year. In comparison with the last Budget Session, that of 1952, the requested appropriation of \$2,394,536 represents an increase of \$297,053 or 14.1 percent.

We recommend approval of the items as budgeted.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

ITEM 17 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 14
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Legislative Counsel From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$279,572
Estimated to be expended in 1952-53 Fiscal Year	357,451
Decrease (21.8 percent)	\$77,879

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	—\$43,111	—\$43,111	---	14	72
Operating expense	—8,996	—8,996	---	15	15
Equipment	—772	—772	---	15	23
Increased reimbursements	—25,000	—25,000	---	15	27
Total increase	—\$77,879	—\$77,879	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$279,572
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	279,572
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The work load of the Office of Legislative Counsel is related to the length of legislative sessions. The requested budget of \$279,572 provides for the fiscal year in which will fall the Budget Session of 1954. The budget request is \$77,879 or 21.8 percent below estimated expenditures for 1952-53. The largest part of the decrease in budgeting for the short session is a reduction of approximately \$40,000 in temporary help. Operating expenses are reduced by \$8,996 and estimated reimbursements for services to other agencies are increased by \$25,000.

Code Commission

The budget request for 1953-54 represents an increase of \$29,749 or 11.9 percent over actual expenditures for 1951-52, the last general session year.

The budget request contemplates substantially the same level of service as in the current year and we recommend approval.

It is noted in the budget for the Code Commission that the Legislature will need to make a determination in this year as to continuation of the functions of the Code Commission. This will affect the matter of reimbursement to the Legislative Counsel.

CODE COMMISSION

ITEM 18 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 16
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Code Commission From the General Fund

Amount requested -----	\$30,250
Estimated to be expended in 1952-53 Fiscal Year -----	20,250
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Increase (49.4 percent) -----	\$10,000

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$30,250
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----	30,250
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Reduction -----	None

ANALYSIS

All expenditures of the Code Commission, except \$250 for traveling expense of commissioners, is for the purpose of reimbursement to the Legislative Counsel for staff services performed for the commission in the work of code revision. The expenditures proposed for 1953-54 are estimated on the basis of available staff time of the Legislative Counsel. In this respect the proposed amount of work to be done is inversely related to the length of legislative sessions. The amount proposed for 1953-54 is \$10,000 or 49.4 percent above estimated expenditures for 1952-53 and \$2,047 or 7.2 percent above expenditures for 1951-52, the last comparable budget session year.

It is expected that the original program of the Code Commission will be completed with the 1953 Session of the Legislature and that legislation will be introduced either to reconstitute the Code Commission to keep the California codes on a current basis or else to authorize this same work to be continued by the Legislative Counsel as a part of its regular and continuing activities.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

ITEM 19 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 17
Budget line No. 7

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

Amount requested -----	\$4,450
Estimated to be expended in 1952-53 Fiscal Year -----	11,970
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Decrease (62.8 percent) -----	\$7,520

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$4,450
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	4,450
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The proposed expenditures of the Commission on Uniform State Laws are \$7,520 or 62.8 percent below estimated expenditures for 1952-53 and 29.6 percent below expenditures for 1951-52. The decrease in proposed expenditures for 1953-54 is due to the termination of a temporary position of deputy counsel II which was authorized for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year in order to give the commission legal help to represent it in matters relating to the submission of a Uniform Commercial Code at the 1953 Session of the Legislature.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

SUPREME COURT

ITEM 20 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 18
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Supreme Court From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$456,270
Estimated to be expended in 1952-53 Fiscal Year	451,012
Increase (1.2 percent)	\$5,258

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$5,038	\$5,038	---	18	49
Operating expense	---	---	---	18	64
Equipment	220	220	---	18	71
Total increase	\$5,258	\$5,258	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$456,270
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	456,270
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The increase of \$5,258, or 1.2 percent over the amount requested for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year is due to normal salary adjustments and price increases. An increase in work load is not indicated for the 1953-54 Fiscal Year.

Approval of the amount budgeted is recommended.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

ITEM 21 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 19
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Judicial Council From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$85,842
Estimated to be expended in 1952-53 Fiscal Year	93,363
Decrease (8.8 percent)	\$7,521