

2. That the Department of Social Welfare sponsor the amendment of Section 1620 in order to clarify legislative intent with regard to the licensing and inspection of summer camps; and

3. That if the licensing and inspection of summer camps is determined to be primarily a state function, a level of service be established taking into consideration both the state and local interest and responsibility.

RECREATION COMMISSION

ITEM 269 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 872
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Recreation Commission From the General Fund

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| Amount requested | \$88,915 |
| Estimated to be expended in 1952-53 Fiscal Year..... | 84,853 |
| Increase (4.8 percent) | \$4,062 |

Summary of Increase

| | Total increase | INCREASE DUE TO | | Budget page | Line No. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | Work load or salary adjustments | New services | | |
| Salaries and wages..... | \$1,344 | \$1,344 | --- | 872 | 44 |
| Operating expense | -1,890 | -1,890 | --- | 872 | 61 |
| Equipment | 4,608 | 4,608 | --- | 872 | 68 |
| Total increase | \$4,062 | \$4,062 | --- | | |

RECOMMENDATIONS

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| Amount budgeted | \$88,915 |
| Legislative Auditor's recommendation..... | None |
| Reduction | \$88,915 |

ANALYSIS

California's Recreation Commission was created by Chapter 1239, Statutes of 1947, to study recreation facilities and problems, to formulate a state recreation policy, and to cooperate with officials and agencies in encouraging public recreation activities.

During the past summer we made a detailed study of this agency's purpose and activities and reached the following conclusions:

1. The Recreation Commission is not performing an essential state service,
2. Recreation is traditionally primarily a responsibility of local government,
3. The Recreation Commission provides a service to local governments which is almost unique among states in that only two others appear to have separate agencies comparable to California's, and
4. The commission probably cannot be placed on a self-supporting or partially self-supporting basis—a conclusion concurred in by the Management Analysis Section of the Department of Finance—because local governments simply would not pay for the service.

On the basis of the above conclusions and the information developed in relation thereto, *we recommend that this item be deleted from the budget in its entirety.*