

BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS FOR HUMBOLDT BAY

ITEM 256 of the Budget Bill

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Budget line No. 7

*For Support of Board of Harbor Commissioners for Humboldt Bay
From the General Fund*

Amount requested	\$2,200
Estimated to be expended in 1953-54 Fiscal Year	2,200
Increase	None

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$2,200
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	None
Reduction	\$2,200

ANALYSIS

We recommend that this item be deleted from the Budget Bill.

While we do not question the desirability for governmental participation in the supervision of the activities of the harbor, we believe that this should be done at the local level, as is the case for many other harbors of the State.

In 1951 the Legislature refused to appropriate funds for support of the board. However, the act which created the board was not repealed and in subsequent years funds for support were again provided.

The functions of the board are limited in scope. The State has no proprietary interest in the harbor facilities, and the board is the only harbor board in the State supported from state funds, other than the Board of State Harbor Commissioners, San Francisco, where the State owns and operates the port facilities, and the activities are supported by revenues accruing to the board through its operations.

In view of the foregoing and in the interest of economy, we recommend that the item be deleted from the 1954 Budget Bill and the act which created the board be repealed at the 1955 Session of the Legislature.

RECLAMATION BOARD

ITEM 257 of the Budget Bill

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For Support of Reclamation Board From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$179,632
Estimated to be expended in 1953-54 Fiscal Year	194,595
Decrease (7.7 percent)	\$14,963

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$14,205	\$14,205	---	873	72
Operating expense	4,650	2,050	\$2,600	874	22
Equipment	-5,575	-5,575	---	874	32
Less: Increased reimbursements	-28,243	-28,243	---	874	35
Total increase	-\$14,963	-\$17,563	\$2,600	874	37