

**IV. ITEM BY ITEM ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET BILL**

Approximately one-third of the budget is included in the Budget Bill. Authorization for the remaining two-thirds of the budget is provided by existing laws and by Constitution. The Budget Bill contains, in addition to the items of appropriation for most of the state agencies included in the classification *State Operations*, the institutional construction or capital outlay items, as well as a number of local assistance apportionments and a group of budget control sections.

**LEGISLATURE**

ITEMS 1-16 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 6  
Budget line No. 51**For Support of the Legislature From the General Fund**

Amount requested	\$2,820,485
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year	3,745,787
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Decrease (24.7 percent)	\$925,302

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted	\$2,820,485
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	2,820,485
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Reduction	None

**ANALYSIS**

The requested appropriation for legislative expense for 1955-56, which includes a budget session rather than a general session, is \$2,820,485. This compares with \$3,745,787 estimated for the current general session year and \$2,651,530 for the 1953-54 Budget Session year.

A summary of the main categories of expense for the two budget sessions is as follows:

	1953-54	1955-56
Salaries and expenses of members and employees	\$499,848	\$792,100
State Capitol Committee	474	1,500
Legislative offices	23,546	24,885
Contributions to retirement	21,074	22,000
Contingent expenses from contingent funds	1,378,250	1,400,000
Joint printing and mailing expense	728,338	530,000
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Totals	\$2,651,530	\$2,820,485

Constitutional Proposition Number 6, approved by the voters at the November, 1954 general election, increased the salary of legislators from \$300 to \$500 per month. This increase of \$288,000 accounts for the largest change in the expenditure comparison of the two budget sessions. Interim committee programs, financed from the Senate and Assembly Contingent Funds, are budgeted at approximately the same level.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU**

ITEM 17 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 13  
Budget line No. 7**For Support of the Legislative Counsel Bureau From the General Fund**

Amount requested	\$346,133
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year	396,979
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Decrease (12.8 percent)	\$50,846

Legislative Counsel Bureau—Continued

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	—\$32,362	—\$32,362	---	13	71
Operating expense	—4,935	—4,935	---	14	15
Equipment	1,451	1,451	---	14	22
<b>Total increase</b>	<b>—\$35,846</b>	<b>—\$35,846</b>	---	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>
Change in reimbursements	—15,000	—15,000	---	14	28
<b>Total increase</b>	<b>—\$50,846</b>	<b>—\$50,846</b>	---	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$346,133
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	346,133
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The budget request for support of the Legislative Counsel in the 1955-56 Fiscal Year indicates a decrease of \$50,846 from the estimated expenditures for 1954-55. The proposed decrease is due principally to the relationship of work load to the length of legislative sessions. The proposed budget should therefore be compared with expenditures of 1953-54, the budget session. In such comparison it is noted that the proposed budget carries an increase of approximately \$27,000 over 1953-54. The major portion of this increase, or \$20,000, is due to salary adjustments while increases in operating expenses and equipment are due, in part, to increased costs for services and, in part, to the added responsibility of maintaining the codes, a duty which was formerly the responsibility of the Code Commission which was abolished in 1953.

LAW REVISION COMMISSION

ITEM 18 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 16  
Budget line No. 7

For Support of Law Revision Commission From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$53,087
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year	27,442
Increase (93.5 percent)	\$25,645

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$7,677	\$7,677	---	16	45
Operating expense	16,746	16,746	---	16	59
Equipment	1,222	1,222	---	16	62
<b>Total increase</b>	<b>\$25,645</b>	<b>\$25,645</b>	---	<b>16</b>	<b>64</b>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$53,087
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	53,087
Reduction	None

Law Revision Commission—Continued

ANALYSIS

This commission was created by the 1953 Session of the Legislature and an amount of \$25,442 was appropriated for support. From prior year balances, Chapter 1682, Statutes of 1953, the amount of \$2,000 was made available. The commission was not appointed until the early part of 1954. As yet, no program has been presented for analysis. However, a program will be presented to the 1955 Session of the Legislature and we cannot make a definite recommendation until we receive this program.

**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 .....	\$3,950
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year .....	7,100
<b>Decrease (44.4 percent) .....</b>	<b>\$3,150</b>

**Summary of Increase**

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages .....	-\$2,400	-\$2,400	---	17	35
Operating expense .....	-750	-750	---	17	44
<b>Total increase .....</b>	<b>-\$3,150</b>	<b>-\$3,150</b>	---	17	46

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$3,950
<b>Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....</b>	<b>3,950</b>
<b>Reduction .....</b>	<b>None</b>

ANALYSIS

The budget request of the commission provides for continued participation by the State in the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

The reduction in expenditures from the current year is due to the completion of the proposed Uniform Commercial Code which is to be submitted to the Legislature at the 1955 Session thereby precluding further need of counsel services and related expense.

We recommend approval of the item as budgeted.

**Legislative**

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO LEGISLATORS' RETIREMENT FUND**

ITEM 20 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 18

Budget line No. 7

*For State's Contribution to the Legislators' Retirement Fund*

*From the General Fund*

Amount requested .....	\$70,000
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year .....	55,000
<b>Increase (27.3 percent) .....</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

Contributions to Legislators' Retirement Fund—Continued

**ANALYSIS**

Section 9358 of the Government Code provides that the State shall contribute annually to the Legislators' Retirement Fund an amount, estimated by the Board of Administration, State Employees' Retirement System, equal to so much of the benefits to be paid from the fund during that year as is not provided by the accumulated contributions of the members.

The provisions of this system, along with those of the other retirement systems to which the State contributes are discussed in a special report to the 1955 Session of the Legislature prepared by the Legislative Auditor pursuant to SCR No. 89, Statutes of 1953.

We recommend approval.

**SUPREME COURT**

ITEM 21 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 19  
Budget line No. 7

*For Support of the Supreme Court From the General Fund*

Amount requested -----	\$489,447
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year -----	482,611
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Increase (1.4 percent) -----	\$6,836

**Summary of Increase**

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages -----	\$6,562	\$6,562	---	19	53
Operating expense -----	---	---	---	19	71
Equipment -----	274	274	---	20	7
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Total increase -----	\$6,836	\$6,836	---	20	9

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted -----	\$489,447
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----	489,447
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Reduction -----	None

**ANALYSIS**

The increase of \$6,836, or 1.4 percent over the amount requested for the 1954-55 Fiscal Year is due to normal salary adjustments and a slight increase in equipment for the library. The workload is estimated to continue at the same level as in the past few years.

Approval of the amount budgeted is recommended.

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

ITEM 22 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 21  
Budget line No. 7

*For Support of the Judicial Council From the General Fund*

Amount requested -----	\$99,793
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year -----	95,282
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Increase (4.7 percent) -----	\$4,511