

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 the 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 1-14 of the Budget Bill

Budget pages 6-8

FOR SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATURE FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested	\$3,541,522
Estimated to be expended in 1956-57 Fiscal Year	3,903,061
Decrease (9.3 percent)	\$361,539

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$3,541,522
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	3,541,522
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The amount requested for the budget year is \$3,541,522, a decrease of \$361,539 from the amount of \$3,903,061 estimated for expenditure during the current year.

The amount of \$3,908,522 is estimated for expenditure during the 1957-58 Budget Session year, which is \$493,331 more than the actual expenditures for the 1955-56 Budget Session year.

A summary of expenditures by categories for the two budget sessions is as follows:

	1955-56	1957-58
Salaries and expenses of members and employees	\$766,989	\$792,300
State capitol committee	271	750
Legislative offices	30,131	33,472
Contributions to Retirement	29,505	32,000
Contingent expenses	1,932,844	2,320,000
Joint expenses—printing, banding, mailing, etc.	655,451	730,000
	\$3,415,191	\$3,908,522

The item of salaries and expenses of members shows a slight increase which is due to an increase in per diem allowance granted to members, from \$14 to \$18 per day. The increase in contingent expense results from a general increase in costs and making provision for possible extensive interim studies arising from the fact that this is a General Session.

We recommend approval of the amount budgeted.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

ITEM 15 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 13
Budget line No. 7

FOR SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested-----	\$403,253
Estimated to be expended in 1956-57 Fiscal Year-----	460,423
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Decrease (12.4 percent)-----	\$57,170

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget Line page No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services	
Salaries and wages-----	-\$38,969	-\$38,969	--	13 73
Operating expense-----	-3,677	-3,677	--	14 15
Equipment-----	976	976	--	14 23
Less increase in reimbursement--	-15,500	-15,500	--	14 28
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Total increase-----	-\$57,170	-\$57,170	--	14 30

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted-----	\$403,253
Legislative Auditor's recommendation-----	403,253
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Reduction-----	None

ANALYSIS

The amount requested for support of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for the 1957-58 Budget Session shows a decrease of \$57,170 as compared to the current fiscal year which is a General Session. This decrease is due primarily to the decrease in number of days in a budget session which results in considerable decrease in the expenditure for temporary help and overtime.

There are no proposed new positions in this request and the level of service has not been increased.

We recommend approval of the amount budgeted.

CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION

ITEM 16 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 15
Budget line No. 7

FOR SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested-----	\$70,094
Estimated to be expended in 1956-57 Fiscal Year-----	49,483
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Increase (41.65 percent)-----	\$20,611

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget Line page No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services	
Salaries and wages-----	\$6,336	\$6,336	--	15 48
Operating expense-----	13,845	13,845	--	15 63
Equipment-----	430	430	--	15 66
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Total increase-----	\$20,611	\$20,611	--	15 68

Item 17

Commission on Uniform State Laws

Law Revision Commission—Continued

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$70,094
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----	70,094
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Reduction -----	None

ANALYSIS

The increase in salaries and wages is due to minor normal salary adjustments and the creation of a new position of junior counsel at a salary of \$4,980. Work load of the commission has increased to a point where a full time junior counsel is justified.

Operating expenses show an increase of \$13,845 which results principally from an increase in research services and additional contractual studies. It is estimated that \$28,320 will be expended on these functions in the 1957-58 Fiscal Year. Research services and contractual studies are itemized as follows:

Stanford Research Contract -----	\$2,500
Research not completed in 1956-57 -----	5,820
15 topics to be recommended for research in 1957-58 -----	15,000
Reserve for topics which may be assigned by the 1957 session of the Legislature -----	5,000

We recommend approval of the budget as submitted.

CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

ITEM 17 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 16
Budget line No. 7

FOR SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested -----	\$4,650
Estimated to be expended in 1956-57 Fiscal Year -----	4,650
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Increase -----	None

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$4,650
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----	4,650
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Reduction -----	None

ANALYSIS

No change from the program of the current fiscal year is anticipated in the 1957-58 Fiscal Year. We recommend approval of the amount budgeted.

CONTRIBUTION TO LEGISLATORS' RETIREMENT FUND

ITEM 18 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 16
Budget line No. 61

FOR SUPPORT OF STATE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE LEGISLATORS' RETIREMENT FUND FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested	\$58,000
Estimated to be expended in 1956-57 Fiscal Year	50,000
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Increase (16.0 percent)	\$8,000

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$58,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	58,000
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Reduction	None

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.

We recommend approval of the amount requested as the estimate of that which will be required under the law.

SUPREME COURT

ITEM 19 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 17
Budget line No. 7

FOR SUPPORT OF SUPREME COURT FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested	\$634,126
Estimated to be expended in 1956-57 Fiscal Year	614,039
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Increase (3.3 percent)	\$20,087

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget Line page No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services	
Salaries and wages	\$17,505	\$17,505	--	17 52
Operating expense	3,278	3,278	--	17 71
Equipment	-696	-696	--	17 78
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Total increase	\$20,087	\$20,087	--	17 80

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$634,126
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	634,126
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Reduction	None