

ITEM ANALYSIS OF BUDGET BILL LEGISLATURE

Items 1-13 from the General
Fund

Budget p. 1

Requested 1979-80	\$62,763,978
Estimated 1978-79.....	58,970,034
Actual 1977-78	54,987,268
Requested increase \$3,793,944 (6.4 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	None

1979-80 FUNDING BY ITEM AND SOURCE

Item	Description	Fund	Amount
1	Salaries of Senators	General	\$1,075,000
2	Mileage of Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Officers	General	1,800
3	Expenses of Senators	General	384,000
4	Senate Contingent Expenses (staff salaries, etc.)	General	16,121,065
5	Automotive Expenses of Senators	General	192,886
6	Salaries of Assemblymen	General	2,190,000
7	Mileage of Assemblymen and Officers	General	4,000
8	Expenses of Assemblymen	General	768,000
9	Assembly Contingent Expenses (staff salaries, etc.)	General	24,826,452
10	Automotive Expenses of Assemblymen	General	396,334
11	Penal Code Revision Committee	General	162,000
12	Legislative Printing	General	4,755,000
13	Expenses of Joint Committees	General	6,700,000
Subtotal of Legislature's appropriation items			\$57,576,537
Expenditures from Chapter 894, Statutes of 1977		General	125,000
Expenditures from Contingent Funds carry-over balances		Contingent	4,519,153
Expenditures from General Fund carry-over balance		General	543,288
Total Expenditures			\$62,763,978

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

Under the terms of a ballot measure adopted in 1972, the Legislature convenes in even-numbered years on the first Monday in December and remains in session, except for recess, until November 30th of the following even-numbered year.

Bills may be introduced in either the first or second year, and bills introduced in the first year and not enacted are automatically carried over to the second, except in the case of bills which have not been passed by their house of origin by January 30th of the second year. The Budget Bill is introduced and enacted annually.

LEGISLATURE—Continued

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend approval.

Table 1 outlines the sources and uses of funds for legislative expenses. As reflected in Table 1 legislative appropriations historically have been augmented by balances carried over from prior years. In the budget year, 8.1 percent of expenditures (\$5.1 million of the \$62.8 million proposed) will be funded from carry-over balances.

Table 1
Budget Summary

<i>Source of Funding</i>	<i>Estimated 1978-79</i>	<i>Proposed 1979-80</i>	<i>Change</i>
General Fund (appropriation)	\$57,714,655	\$57,576,537	\$-138,118
General Fund (carry-over) ^a	3,183,776	543,288	-2,640,488
Chapter 894, Statutes of 1977 (AB 65—Bilingual education evaluation)	100,000	125,000	25,000
Total General Fund	\$60,998,431	\$58,244,825	\$-2,753,606
California Environmental Protection Program Fund	25,000	-	-25,000
Carry-over balances in Assembly and Senate Con- tingent Funds	-2,053,397	4,519,153	6,572,550
Total, All Funds	\$58,970,034	\$62,763,978	\$3,793,944
Program			
Senate	\$17,002,233	\$18,617,484	\$1,615,251
Assembly	27,650,096	29,816,206	2,166,110
Joint Expenses	14,317,705	14,330,288	12,583
Total Expenditures	\$58,970,034	\$62,763,978	\$3,793,944

^a From prior appropriations for printing.

The \$1,615,251 increase for the Senate consists of \$1,439,658 for salaries and employee benefits, and various other changes in the amount of \$175,593. The Assembly's \$2,166,110 increase includes \$1,933,632 for salaries and employee benefits, and other changes totaling \$232,478. An increase of \$623,071 for joint expenses is offset by a \$635,488 decrease for legislative printing. The joint expense category includes expenditures for the offices of the Auditor General and Legislative Analyst. Expenditures for the bilingual education evaluation mandated by Chapter 894, Statutes of 1977, will increase from \$100,000 to \$125,000.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

Item 14 from the General Fund

Budget p. 4

Requested 1979-80	\$6,433,692
Estimated 1978-79.....	6,181,449
Actual 1977-78	5,983,288
Requested increase \$252,243 (4.1 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	None

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Legislative Counsel Bureau provides legal assistance to the Legislature, its members and committees. The bureau renders legal opinions, drafts bills, provides legal counsel, supplies attorney support for legislative committee hearings and represents the Legislature in litigation. It prepares necessary indices and tables to identify legislative measures, and compiles and indexes statutes and codes.

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS*We recommend approval.*

The \$6,433,692 requested by the bureau for the budget year is a net increase of \$252,243 or 4.1 percent above estimated current-year expenditures. The increase consists of \$211,873 in personal services and \$40,370 in operating expenses and equipment.

Increased Personal Services

The \$211,873 increase in personal services represents merit salary adjustments, position reclassifications and related staff benefits, and six new positions: one attorney and five programmers for the bureau's data processing unit. The attorney will provide services for the Auditor General's office, thereby permitting the reduction of a staff counsel position in that office.

Data Processing

The remaining five new positions include one staff programmer analyst and four programmers for the bureau's expanding electronic data processing function. The bureau presently prepares for printing all legislative bills by electronic data processes. It is also converting the state codes to these automated processes over a period of time on a staff availability basis. In addition, the bureau has established an automated fiscal accounting system for the Assembly. The new positions are requested to assist in the current operations and to enable expansion of the automated data processing system to include personnel accounting for the Assembly and preparation of the legislative histories, journals and files.

CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION

Item 15 from the General Fund

Budget p. 6

Requested 1979-1980	\$309,714
Estimated 1978-1979.....	297,834
Actual 1977-1978	283,831
Requested increase \$11,880 (4.0 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	None

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

The California Law Revision Commission consists of 10 members, one from each house of the Legislature, seven appointed by the Governor, and the Legislative Counsel, who is an ex officio, nonvoting member.

Under the commission's direction, its staff of 8.5 employees (including five professional positions) makes studies of statutory and decisional law as requested by concurrent resolution of the Legislature for the purpose of recommending any necessary reforms. The commission presently has 26 topics assigned. Its major recommendation to the 1979 Legislature will relate to modernizing the guardianship and conservatorship provisions of the Probate Code. Last year, 10 measures (two resolutions and eight bills) were introduced and enacted based on the recommendation of the commission.

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend approval.

The proposed expenditure of \$309,714 is an increase of \$11,880 or 4.0 percent above the current-year estimated expenditure. The increase reflects merit salary adjustments and position reclassifications, operating cost increases and commissioners' per diem increases.

COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

Item 16 from the General Fund

Budget p. 7

Requested 1979-80	\$39,395
Estimated 1978-79.....	39,095
Actual 1977-78	35,703
Requested increase \$300 (0.8 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	None

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend approval.

The Commission on Uniform State Laws sponsors the adoption by California of uniform codes or statutes in California developed by the National Conference of Commissioners wherever compatibility with the laws of other jurisdictions is considered desirable. The California commissioners attend the annual conference of the national body, at which time the

various uniform codes developed or modified by it in the past year are reviewed and submitted to the total membership for consideration and recommendation. The recommended uniform codes deemed by the California members to be appropriate for implementation in California are then presented to the Legislature for consideration.

The California commission consists of seven members—four appointed by the Governor, two selected by the respective houses of the Legislature, and the Legislative Counsel, a nonvoting, ex officio member. All seven members must belong to the California State Bar.

The commission's budget request of \$39,395 includes an increase of \$300 for travel expenses over estimated current-year expenditures.

JUDICIAL

Items 17, 18 and 20 from the General Fund and Item 19 from the Motor Vehicle Account, State Transportation Fund

Budget p. 8

Requested 1979-80	\$25,365,903
Estimated 1978-79.....	22,110,378
Actual 1977-78	18,667,715
Requested increase \$3,255,525 (14.7 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	\$50,000

1979-80 FUNDING BY ITEM AND SOURCE

Item	Description	Fund	Amount
17	Judicial	General	\$22,050,960
18	Assignment of Municipal Court Judges to Superior Court	General	315,000
19	Judicial	State Transportation	39,029
20	Legislative Mandates	General	2,718,815
435	Allocation from Salary Increase Funds		<u>242,099</u>
	Total		\$25,365,903

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. *Supreme Court Procedures Study. Reduce by \$50,000.* 7
Recommend deletion of proposed study of Supreme Court procedures.
2. *Trial Court Consolidation. Recommend consideration of legislation to consolidate the trial courts into a single, state-supported system.* 10

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT