

**LEGISLATURE**

Item 011-013 from the General Fund

Budget p. LJE 1

Requested 1981-82 .....	\$93,019,302
Estimated 1980-81 .....	80,055,098
Actual 1979-80 .....	64,573,283
Requested increase (including amount for salary increases) \$12,964,204 (+ 16.2 percent)	
Total recommended reduction .....	None

Item	Description	Fund	Amount
011-001-001—Senate		General	\$27,737,300
012-011-001—Assembly		General	43,176,271
013-021-001—Joint Committees		General	20,532,100
Subtotal of Legislature's Appropriations			\$91,445,671
Expenditures from Contingent Funds Carry-over Balances	Contingent		1,142,652
Expenditures from General Fund Carry-over Balance	General		430,979
Total			\$93,019,302

**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. The Budget Bill is introduced and enacted annually.

The Legislature had 1,832 employees at the end of 1980.

**ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

*We recommend approval.*

The Legislature has proposed expenditures of \$93,019,302 for the budget year. This amount, which includes funds for salary increases, is \$12,964,204 or 16.2 percent, higher than estimated expenditures in the current year.

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, 1.7 percent of expenditures (\$1.6 million of the \$93.0 million proposed) will be funded from carry-over balances.

**Table 1  
Budget Summary**

Source of Funding	Estimated 1980-81	Proposed 1981-82	Change
General Fund (appropriation) .....	\$75,797,345	\$91,445,671	\$15,648,326
General Fund (carry-over) <sup>a</sup> .....	3,063,385	430,979	-2,632,406
Chapter 1135, Statutes of 1979 (Citizens' Advisory Committee on Alternatives) <sup>b</sup> .....	400,000	—	-400,000
Chapter 894, Statutes of 1977 (AB 65-Bilingual edu-			

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cation evaluation) .....	46,000	—	—46,000
Total General Fund .....	\$79,306,730	\$91,876,650	\$12,569,920
Carry-over balances in Assembly and Senate Contingent Funds.....	\$748,368	\$1,142,652	\$394,284
Total All Funds .....	\$80,055,098	\$93,019,302	\$12,964,204
Program			
Senate .....	\$23,567,119	\$27,737,300	\$4,170,181
Assembly .....	38,244,601	44,024,024	5,779,423
Joint Expenses .....	18,243,378	21,257,978	3,014,600
Total Expenditures .....	\$80,055,098	\$93,019,302	\$12,964,204

<sup>a</sup> From prior appropriations for printing.

<sup>b</sup> Related to alternatives to incarceration.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU**

Item 016 from the General Fund

Budget p. LJE 6

Requested 1981-82 .....	\$8,542,852
Estimated 1980-81.....	8,159,717
Actual 1979-80 .....	7,298,521
Requested increase (excluding amount for salary increases) \$383,135 (+ 4.7 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 budget proposes a General Fund appropriation of \$8,542,852 for support of the bureau in 1981-82. This is \$383,135, or 4.7 percent, more than the estimated current year expenditure. Additionally, the bureau anticipates budget year reimbursements of \$75,000, for a total expenditure of \$8,617,852 in 1981-82. This amount will increase by the amount of any salary or staff benefit increase approved for the budget year.

**Increased Personal Services**

A net increase of 10 positions, merit salary adjustments, position reclassifications, and increased staff benefit costs will increase personal services costs by \$273,862. The new positions include one attorney, four automated data processing personnel, and five clerical positions. The new positions are requested because of increasing workload related to additional legislation and legal opinions, and to the expansion and increasing complexity of the bureau's automated data processing system.

**Operating Expense Increases**

The bureau requests \$1,597,506, an increase of \$109,453 (7.4 percent) over current year expenditures, for operating expenses and equipment. The increase is needed to provide for price increases and equipment for the new positions.

The proposed amount appears to be reasonable, and we recommend approval.

**CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION**

Item 017 from the General  
Fund

Budget p. LJE 7

Requested 1981-82 .....	\$378,921
Estimated 1980-81.....	372,242
Actual 1979-80 .....	328,997
Requested increase (excluding amount for salary increases) \$6,679 (+ 1.8 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, a staff of eight 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 before it 31 topics which have been assigned by the Legislature.

Commission recommendations for the 1981 legislative session will include several changes designed to reduce the costs of probate, and a new comprehensive statute relating to the enforcement of judgments, including such matters as exemptions from execution of a judgment.

Fourteen of the fifteen bills recommended by the commission in 1980 were enacted. The fifteenth bill was substantially enacted as part of other legislation.

**ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

*We recommend approval.*

The budget proposes an appropriation of \$378,921 from the General Fund for support of the commission in 1981-82, which is \$6,679, or 1.8 percent, above the estimated current year expenditure. This amount will increase by the amount of any salary or staff benefit increase approved for the budget year.

The increase will fund merit salary adjustments and staff benefit and operating expense increases. The increase is reasonable to meet the ongoing workload requirements of the commission.

**COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS**

Item 018 from the General Fund

Budget p. LJE 9

Requested 1981-82 .....	\$46,162
Estimated 1980-81 .....	43,142
Actual 1979-80 .....	38,844
Requested increase \$3,020 (+ 7.0 percent)	
Total recommended reduction .....	None

**GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT**

The Commission on Uniform State Laws sponsors the adoption by California of uniform codes or statutes 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 members of the Legislature (one selected by each house), and the Legislative Counsel. All seven members must belong to the California State Bar.

**ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

*We recommend approval.*

The budget proposes an appropriation of \$46,162 from the General Fund for support of the Commission on Uniform State Laws in 1981-82. This is \$3,020, or 7 percent more than current year estimated expenditures. The increase consists of \$479 in the cost of travel and a 7 percent increase, from \$36,300 to \$38,841, in the annual membership dues that the state must pay to the national organization. These increases appear to be justified.

**JUDICIAL**

Item 025 from the General Fund and various funds

Budget p. LJE 10

Requested 1981-82 .....	\$34,868,780
Estimated 1980-81 .....	29,935,653
Actual 1979-80 .....	26,311,782
Requested increase (excluding amount for salary increases) \$4,933,127 (+16.5 percent)	
Total recommended reduction .....	\$3,830,180

**1981-82 FUNDING BY ITEM AND SOURCE**

Item	Description	Fund	Amount
025-001-001	Judicial Support	General	\$32,131,072
025-001-044	Judicial Support	State Transportation	49,300
025-101-001	Legislative Mandates	General	2,688,408
	Total		\$34,868,780