

LEGISLATURE

Items 0110-0130 from the General Fund

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Requested 1987-88	\$154,963,000
Estimated 1986-87	149,020,000
Actual 1985-86	132,331,000
Requested increase (excluding amount for salary increases) \$5,943,000 (+4.0 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	None

1987-88 FUNDING BY ITEM AND SOURCE

Item—Description	Fund	Amount
0110-001-001—Senate	General	\$61,793,000
0120-011-001—Assembly	General	92,180,000
0130-021-001—Joint Expenses	General	0
Subtotal, Budget Bill Appropriation		\$153,973,000
Continuous Appropriation—		
Legislators' Retirement System	General	990,000
Total		\$154,963,000

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

The California Constitution grants to the Legislature the legislative powers of the state, except for the powers of initiative and referendum which are reserved for the people. Under this authority, the Legislature enacts laws, makes appropriations, and levies taxes.

The Legislature consists of a Senate with 40 members who are elected for four-year terms, and an Assembly with 80 members who are elected for two-year terms. Currently, each Senator represents approximately 600,000 people, while each Assembly member has about 300,000 constituents.

The Legislature meets in two-year sessions starting on the first Monday in December of each even-numbered year. It remains in session, except for recesses, until November 30 of the following even-numbered year. The Governor, by proclamation, may call the Legislature into a special session to enact legislation to deal with extraordinary circumstances specified by the Governor.

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Legislature's budget includes appropriations totaling \$154,963,000 for 1987-88. This amount includes \$153,973,000 for operational support and \$990,000 for contributions to the Legislators' Retirement System. The total amount of the proposed appropriations is \$5,943,000, or 4 percent, greater than estimated current-year expenditures.

Table 1 outlines the sources and uses of funds for legislative expenses, excluding contributions to the Legislators' Retirement System, in the prior, current, and budget years. As shown in the table, the \$153,973,000 provided for support of the Legislature in 1987-88 is \$5,853,000, or 4 percent, above estimated support expenditures in the current year.

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Table 1
California Legislature
Sources and Uses of Funds^a
1985-86 through 1987-88
(dollars in thousands)

	<i>Actual</i> 1985-86	<i>Est.</i> 1986-87	<i>Prop.</i> 1987-88	<i>Percent</i> <i>Change from</i> 1986-87
<i>Sources of Funds</i>				
General Fund appropriations	\$130,192	\$148,120	\$153,973	4.0%
Reimbursements	1,322	—	—	—
Totals, All Funds	\$131,514	\$148,120	\$153,973	4.0%
<i>Uses of Funds</i>				
Senate	\$52,349	\$59,447	\$61,793	3.9%
Assembly	79,165	88,673	92,180	4.0

^a Amounts do not include contributions to the Legislators' Retirement System.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO LEGISLATORS' RETIREMENT FUND

The Legislators' Retirement Fund provides benefits to legislators, constitutional officers and legislative statutory officers, as well as to their survivors. The fund is administered by the Public Employees' Retirement System.

The state's contribution to the Legislators' Retirement System is set at 18.8 percent of members' salaries. Funds to pay the annual employers' contribution are continuously appropriated by statute from the General Fund.

The budget proposes a state contribution of \$990,000 for this item in 1987-88, which is an increase of \$90,000, or 10 percent, over estimated current-year expenditures.

AUDITOR GENERAL

Item 0155 from the General
Fund

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Requested 1987-88	\$9,633,000
Estimated 1986-87	9,194,000
Actual 1985-86	7,802,000
Requested increase (excluding amount for salary increases) \$439,000 (+4.8 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	None

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Auditor General conducts independent audits of the programs and fiscal operations of state government. The financial, performance, and investigative audits and other special studies conducted by the Auditor

General provide the executive and legislative branches with objective information for establishing fiscal and administrative policy for the state.

Prior to 1984-85, the Auditor General's Office was financed from the Contingent Funds of the Assembly and Senate. Chapter 1594, Statutes of 1984, as further modified by Ch 833/85, created the Auditor General Fund for the purpose of paying the costs of audits performed by the Auditor General.

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend approval.

The budget proposes an appropriation of \$9,633,000 from the General Fund for support of the Auditor General's Office in 1987-88. This is an increase of \$439,000, or 4.8 percent, over estimated current-year expenditures. The increase would provide additional resources for external consultant and professional services contracts which are anticipated to increase in the budget year (\$325,000), travel (\$78,000) and facilities operations (\$36,000).

AUDITOR GENERAL—REVERSION

Item 0155-495 to the General
Fund

Budget p. LJE 4

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend approval.

The budget proposes to revert to the General Fund the unencumbered balance of the appropriation contained in Ch 1594/84. This measure established the Auditor General Fund for the purpose of paying the costs of audits performed by the Auditor General, and provided for the transfer of funds from various sources to the new Auditor General Fund. The budget estimates that a total of \$753,000 from this appropriation will not have been spent by the end of the current year. We recommend that these funds be reverted.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

Item 0160 from the General

Fund

Budget p. LJE 6

Requested 1987-88	\$27,608,000
Estimated 1986-87.....	26,819,000
Actual 1985-86	24,441,000
Requested increase (excluding amount for salary increases) \$789,000 (+2.9 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	None

1987-88 FUNDING BY ITEM AND SOURCE

Item—Description	Fund	Amount
0160-001-001—Support	General	\$16,174,000
Reimbursements	—	11,434,000
Total		\$27,608,000

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Legislative Counsel Bureau provides legal assistance to the members and committees of the Legislature. The bureau provides legal opinions, drafts bills, provides legal counsel, supplies attorney support for legislative committee hearings, and represents the Legislature in litigation. It also prepares necessary indices and tables to identify legislative measures, and compiles and indexes, statutes and codes. In addition, the bureau operates a data processing system which is used for the payroll, personnel, and accounting systems maintained by both houses of the Legislature, and in the drafting of bills.

The bureau is authorized 379.5 personnel-years in the current year.

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend approval.

The budget proposes total expenditures of \$27,608,000 for the Legislative Counsel Bureau in 1987-88. This amount includes a General Fund appropriation of \$16,174,000, and \$11,434,000 in reimbursements—primarily from the Assembly Contingent Fund.

Proposed expenditures are \$789,000, or 2.9 percent, higher than estimated expenditures in the current year. The additional funding is requested to cover the cost of (1) two new attorney positions, (2) increased temporary help and overtime, and (3) merit salary adjustments and price increases.

