

LEGISLATURE

ITEMS 1-16 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 7
Budget line No. 48

For Support of the Legislature From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$2,629,013
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	2,324,475
 Increase (13.1 percent)	 \$304,538

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$2,629,013
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	2,629,013
 Reduction	 None

ANALYSIS

The budget request for legislative expense for the Fiscal Year 1952-53 is an increase of \$304,538, or 13.1 percent, over the amount estimated to be expended in the Fiscal Year 1951-52. The increase is due to the necessity for budgeting for a General Session of 120 calendar days during the next fiscal year in comparison with the Budget Session of 30 calendar days during the current fiscal year. The total estimated expenditures for the General Session of 1953 are \$2,629,013 in comparison with \$3,030,463 for the General Session of 1951. This is a decrease of \$401,450, or 13.2 percent, from the comparable year.

We recommend approval of the items as submitted.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

ITEM 17 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 14
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Legislative Counsel Bureau From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$340,728
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	275,714
 Increase (23.6 percent)	 \$65,014

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$40,268	\$40,268	---	14	75
Operating expense	10,614	10,614	---	15	17
Equipment	—368	—368	---	15	25
Decreased reimbursements	14,500	14,500	---	15	29
 Total increase	 \$65,014	 \$65,014	 ---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$340,728
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	340,728
 Reduction	 None

ANALYSIS

The budget of the Legislative Counsel Bureau is an increase of 23.6 percent, or \$65,014 over the amount estimated to be expended in 1951-52. This, however, is a continuation of the same level of service as authorized for the previous two years. This budget provides for the additional days and extra work involved in a general session of the Legislature in comparison with the budget session of the current fiscal year. The increase budgeted for 1952-53 is \$34,578, or 11.3 percent over estimated expenditures for the fiscal year which included the past general session of the Legislature. This is consistent with salary increase costs and normal price increases since that time. No new positions are requested.

The request for replacement equipment includes five electric typewriters as replacement for worn-out manual machines. These are justified on the basis of heavy volume of work and requirements for multiple copies. *We recommend approval of the budget as submitted.*

The Legislative Counsel Bureau, since occupying its new space in the State Capitol Annex, is now fairly well provided with an equipment complement and has, in the past two years, considerably expanded its library facilities for legal materials. Current legal services are an indispensable working tool for a staff engaged in statutory research and bill drafting. However, legal acquisitions, including binding, are now at the rate of \$2,900 annually. The most careful scrutiny should be imposed by the agency to avoid unnecessary duplication with the State Law Library, the purpose of which is to serve all state agencies.

The existing lease for space of the Legislative Counsel in San Francisco, at 995 Market Street, expires on June 30, 1952. It is recommended that consideration be given to providing space for the counsel in the State Office Building in San Francisco in order that Members of the Legislature may be more conveniently served, and the necessity for duplication of legal facilities minimized.

CODE COMMISSION

ITEM 18 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 16
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Code Commission From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$20,250
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	30,250
Decrease (33.1 percent)	<u>\$10,000</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$20,250
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	20,250
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The staff work of the California Code Commission in the codification and revision of statutes (Government Code, Sections 10300-10351) is performed by the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Charges of the Legislative Counsel are based upon actual time-sheet records of work performed. Since the program of work on codification is scheduled for the interim between legislative sessions, the estimated work for the 1952-53 Fiscal