

ITEM ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET BILL

LEGISLATURE	
ITEMS 1-10 of the Budget Bill	Budget page 1
FOR SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATURE FROM THE GENERAL FUND	
Amount requested	\$5,267,730
Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year	4,950,686
Increase (6.4 percent)	\$317,044
TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None

ANALYSIS

The amount of \$5,267,730 is requested in Items 1 to 10 of the Budget Bill for the support of the Legislature for the 1960-61 fiscal year which includes a general session rather than a budget session. Compared to expenditures of \$5,799,662 for the 1958-59 fiscal year, the first year in which a nonbifurcated general session was held under the 1958 constitutional amendment, the requested figure for the next fiscal year shows a 9.1 percent decrease of \$531,932.

Financing of the expenses of the Legislature of the State of California is in part by direct appropriations from the General Fund and in part by transfers from the General Fund to replenish special funds established by law and expended upon allocation by the two houses. These special funds are continuously available without regard to fiscal years.

The Constitution authorizes payment of indicated legislative expenses and specific procedures are set forth in the Government Code. Each member receives a salary and is entitled to his per diem expenses as limited by the Constitution. Each annual budget request, therefore, includes a request by each house of the Legislature to cover salaries, statutory mileage, and an estimated amount to cover per diem expenses of members.

To cover operational expense of each house a house contingent fund is established by law. From these funds are paid the salaries of legislative employees and the expenses of legislative committees.

Two funds at least are involved annually in the joint operations of the Senate and Assembly, the Legislative Printing Fund and the Capitol Committee Fund. The Printing Fund provides for the cost of bills, reports, documents and mailing charges which are a part of or grow out of legislative activity and the annual request is simply an estimate of anticipated need.

The Capitol Committee is charged generally with the management of the Capitol Building and the allocation of space therein. It is a joint committee composed of five members of each house. The appropriation to cover its activity is nominal in amount.

In normal practice the Legislature provides in these several funds a carryover balance each year to cover unanticipated expenses and as a protection against a possible lack of funds for general operations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

ITEM 11 of the Budget Bill

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**FOR SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU
FROM THE GENERAL FUND**

Amount requested	\$579,535
Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year	496,776
Increase (16.7 percent)	\$82,759

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None
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ANALYSIS

The Legislative Counsel in the proposed budget request maintains the existing level of service as in the 1959-60 budget. The 16.7 percent increase in expenditures represents the difference between the 30-day Budget Session in 1960 and the 120-day General Session in 1961.

We recommend approval of the amount budgeted.

CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION

ITEM 12 of the Budget Bill

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

Amount requested	\$90,740
Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year	84,458
Increase (7.4 percent)	\$6,282

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None
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ANALYSIS

The commission contemplates completion of previously assigned studies and will not request additional topics in the 1960 Legislature. Studies scheduled for completion account for an increase of \$7,008 in printing expenditures over the current fiscal year. Printing costs represent the largest expenditure and greatest increase in the commission's budget. It is estimated that there will be a saving of approximately \$9,000 in the current fiscal year.

We recommend approval of this item as budgeted.

CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

ITEM 13 of the Budget Bill

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

Amount requested	\$5,850
Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year	5,450
Increase (7.3 percent)	\$400

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None
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ANALYSIS

The commission's budget request continues its present level of activity. The 1959 Legislature removed the \$1,900 limit on the commission's contribution to expenses of the National Conference of Commissioners

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on Uniform State Laws but did not make an appropriation to cover California's proportionate share which was revised to \$2,300. For the current year the commission transferred \$400 of unexpended in-state travel appropriations to cover the difference in its contribution. Out-of-state travel expenses for California commissioners to attend the national conference constitute the largest expenditure (\$2,675) in the commission's budget.

We recommend approval as budgeted.

CONTRIBUTION TO LEGISLATORS' RETIREMENT FUND**ITEM 14 of the Budget Bill****Budget page 7****FOR STATE'S CONTRIBUTION TO LEGISLATORS' RETIREMENT FUND FROM THE GENERAL FUND**

Amount requested	\$120,000
Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year	152,000
Decrease (21.1 percent)	\$32,000

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None
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ANALYSIS

The 1959-60 appropriation of \$152,000 contained \$16,229 to cover the deficit for 1958-59. Mortality experience in the months following that request has been favorable to the fund. The 1960-61 budget has been drafted on the basis of a probability that there will be a carryover of \$27,259 from 1959-60 to 1960-61. Hence, the fluctuations in appropriations requested do not reflect a radical change in demand on the system.

We recommend approval as submitted.

SUPREME COURT**ITEM 15 of the Budget Bill****Budget page 8****FOR SUPPORT OF THE SUPREME COURT FROM THE GENERAL FUND**

Amount requested	\$798,121
Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year	796,418
Increase (0.2 percent)	\$1,703

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None
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ANALYSIS

Expenditures for support of the Supreme Court will remain on practically the same level in 1960-61 as in 1959-60. There will be important changes in the pattern of support. It is proposed to reduce the number of authorized attorney positions from 26 to 25, and to add two positions: a research assistant for Sacramento and a legal secretary for the clerk's office in San Francisco.

In addition to performing legal research, the assistant will relieve the deputy clerk in Sacramento. The legal secretary is stated to be the first increase in the clerk's staff in over a decade. In the 10 years ending June 30, 1958, the filings in that office have increased 56 percent.