Public Works

Epilepsy Study-Continued

ANALYSIS

The Department of Public Health was authorized by legislation passed in the 1959 Session to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of extending to children suffering from epilepsy the services provided by the State to handicapped children. The establishment of pilot projects to conduct the study were also approved. The study has a termination date of June 30, 1963. A progress report is to be made to the Legislature at the 1961 General Session and it is to be followed by a final report to the 1963 Legislature.

At the time the legislation was being considered, the department estimated the total cost of the project at approximately \$244,000. The requested appropriation of \$82,680 will finance the second year of the study and this sum is about the same as the second year needs originally anticipated by the department. We recommend approval of the requested appropriation.

Department of Public Works STATE BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION ITEM 197 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 530

FOR SUPPORT OF STATE BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION FROM THE GENERAL FUND	1
Amount requested Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year	\$42,498 21,556
Increase (97.2 percent)	\$20,942
TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None

The State Building Standards Commission has now reached a point in its endeavors to make various building and safety regulations conform to standard and uniform approaches, where it is prepared to publish a complete new code. In order to do this it is proposed to add three new positions which will work exclusively on this problem. It is anticipated that these positions will be needed for only two years at the end of which they can be dispensed with.

Furthermore it is expected that the entire additional cost will be covered from the sale of the new code, the proceeds going directly into the General Fund. Consequently, we recommend approval of the request as submitted.

Department of Public Works DIVISION OF ARCHITECTURE

ITEM 198 of the Budget Bill	Budget page 527
FOR SUPPORT OF DIVISION OF ARCHITECTURE FROM ARCHITECTURE PUBLIC BUILDING FUND	THE
Amount requested Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year	\$1,145,872 1,191,473
Decrease (3.8 percent)	\$45,601
TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None

Items 199-200

Division of Architecture—Continued

ANALYSIS

The major secondary function of the Division of Architecture is the review of all public school construction plans (exceeding \$10,000 in cost) which is required by the "Field Act" to assure that such plans will provide adequate protection against seismic, wind and loading forces. The State Fire Marshal, by contractual arrangement, provides simultaneous review to assure adequate fire safety in design.

The cost of the service is defrayed by a fee assessed in connection with each set of plans based on estimated construction value. The total of such fees is adequate to cover the cost of the operation plus a small reserve surplus.

The budget proposed for the 1960-61 fiscal year is reduced from the estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year by 3.8 percent, or \$45,601, from \$1,191,473 to \$1,145,872. This reduction is based on an anticipated leveling off of the workload and a consequent reduction in the number of technical positions from 66 engineers to 63 and a slight reduction in temporary help. The reduction in salaries and wages is partially offset by increased operating costs, particularly in increased office rentals.

We recommend approval as submitted.

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

ITEM 199 of the Budget Bill	Budget page 538
FOR SUPPORT OF AERONAUTICS COMMISSION FROM THE GENERAL FUND	
Amount requested	\$84,802
Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year	
Decrease (4.9 percent)	\$4,369
TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None

ANALYSIS

The level of service proposed by the Aeronautics Commission remains approximately the same as has been available for the past two years. It will be noted that the amount requested is 4.9 percent less than the estimate of expenditures for the current fiscal year which is accounted for by costly major repairs being made to the commission's oldest airplane during the current year.

We recommend approval of the Aeronautics Commission budget as requested.

COLORADO RIVER BOUNDARY COMMISSION ITEM 200 of the Budget Bill Budget	page 539
FOR SUPPORT OF COLORADO RIVER BOUNDARY COMMISSION FROM THE STATE LANDS ACT FUND	1
Amount requested Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year	\$25,000 25,000
	None
TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None
495	

425

Alcoholic Beverage Control

Colorado River Boundary Commission—Continued

ANALYSIS

Absence of a legally defined boundary along the Colorado River recognized by both the States of Arizona and California continues to raise serious problems of jurisdiction with respect to civil, criminal and political functions.

The California Commission during the 1959-60 fiscal year has met with a similar commission from the State of Arizona but no agreement has yet been reached with reference to the final boundary location in certain controversial areas of which Yuma Island is one. The two states advance opposing views in some instances.

Once an agreement is reached by the two commissions it must be adopted by the legislatures of both states and then by Congress. When these steps have been accomplished detailed surveys must be made and boundary monuments established.

We have reviewed the minutes of the most recent joint meeting of the two commissions and it appears doubtful that agreement can be reached in time for any action prior to the next General Session of the California Legislature.

However, it is desirable that commission activity be maintained and that the California Commission be prepared to take the required subsequent steps when an agreement is reached. For this reason we recommend approval of the amount requested.

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

ITEM 201 of the Budget Bill Budget page 541 FOR SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL FROM THE GENERAL FUND Amount requested _____ \$3,364,910 Estimated to be expended in 1959-60 fiscal year_____ 3,256,133 Increase (3.3 percent) _____ \$108.777 _____ TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION_____ \$47,875 Summary of Recommended Reductions Budget Amount Page Line Eliminate additions and replacements of 25 automobiles____ \$47.875 54231

ANALYSIS

The department licenses and regulates the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic beverages in California and maintains a headquarters office in Sacramento. The State is divided into three areas for administrative purposes, with area headquarters offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento, and the areas are further subdivided into 18 districts, each with a district office. In addition, in four of the districts there are subdistrict offices, five in all, which are, in effect, branches of the district offices, and subject to their administrative control.