

II. 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	\$6,456,927
Balance available from prior year	647,773
State employees' retirement	110,000
State employees' health and welfare	3,000
Total	\$7,217,700
Estimated to be expended in 1961-62 fiscal year	7,149,308
Increase (0.9 percent)	\$68,392

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION None**ANALYSIS**

The proposed total expenditure program (\$7,217,700) of both houses of the Legislature, which includes contributions to the retirement systems and health plans of state employees, and a carry-over balance available from prior years, has increased by \$68,392 over the amount estimated for such expenditures during the current year. As the current year included a 90 day budget session and the budget year includes a 120 day general session, a comparison of the proposed total expenditure program with the actual expenditures incurred during the most recent prior fiscal year (1960-61) which included a General Session, indicates an increase of \$992,016, or 15.9 percent, over the expenditures of that year. The greatest portion of this increase is in the area of legislative printing which accounts for 61.1 percent or \$605,952 of the \$992,016.

Requests for transfers to the contingent expenses of both houses account for an additional \$364,561, or 36.8 percent, of this increase. These allocations or transfers cannot be considered as true expenditure items as these special funds are replenished annually and are continuously available without regard to fiscal year. Thus the carry-over balances, not available at present, will determine the true expenditures.

We recommend approval of the amount submitted.

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	\$624,814
State employees' retirement	39,300
State employees' health and welfare	2,460
Total	\$666,574
Estimated to be expended in 1961-62 fiscal year	579,998
Increase (14.9 percent)	\$86,576

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION None

Legislative Counsel Bureau—Continued

ANALYSIS

The total amount of \$666,574 requested for support, which includes contributions to state employees' retirement and health insurance plans, represents an increase of 14.9 percent, or \$86,576, over the estimated current year's expenditures. This increase over the amount budgeted for support of the agency during a 30-day budget session year (1961-62) is a direct reflection of the increase in workload related to preparation and review of proposed legislation occurring during a 120-day general session year (1962-63).

The amount requested for the coming general session year of 1962-63 represents an increase of 6 percent, or \$37,958, over the actual expenditures incurred during the last general session year (1960-61). Considering cost increases occasioned during the interim this increase of 6 percent over the 1960-61 General Session costs will provide the Legislature with the same level of service during the 1962-63 General Session.

We recommend approval of this item as budgeted.

LAW REVISION COMMISSION

ITEM 12 of the Budget Bill

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FOR SUPPORT OF THE LAW REVISION COMMISSION
FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested	\$92,545
State employees' retirement	3,585
State employees' health and welfare	180
Total	\$96,310
Estimated to be expended in 1961-62 fiscal year	94,264
Increase (2.2 percent)	\$2,046
TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None

ANALYSIS

The total amount of \$96,310 requested for support of this commission, which includes contributions to employees' retirement and health plans, is 2.2 percent, or \$2,046 above that estimated to be required for total support during the current year.

The total increase of \$2,046 results from the normal merit increases in salaries and wages; increases in equipment costs and health plan contributions partially offset by a reduction of operating expenses.

We recommend approval of this item as budgeted.

COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

ITEM 13 of the Budget Bill

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

Amount requested	\$5,850
Estimated to be expended in 1961-62 fiscal year	5,850
TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None

Items 14-15

Legislators' Retirement Fund

Commission on Uniform State Laws—Continued

ANALYSIS

The amount requested for the support of this commission indicates continuation of its activities at the existing level. No changes have been reflected in this commission's budget since fiscal year 1960-61.

We recommend approval as budgeted.

CONTRIBUTION TO LEGISLATORS' RETIREMENT FUND

ITEM 14 of the Budget Bill

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FOR STATE'S CONTRIBUTION TO LEGISLATORS' RETIREMENT FUND FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested	\$160,000
Estimated to be expended in 1961-62 fiscal year	140,000
Increase (14.3 percent)	\$20,000

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION None

ANALYSIS

Section 9358 of the Government Code provides that "the State shall contribute annually to the Legislators' Retirement Fund, an amount as estimated by the Board of Administration, equal to so much of the benefits to be paid from the fund during that year as is not provided by the accumulated contributions of the members receiving such benefits."

The increase of 14.3 percent is a result of an increased number of retirement benefit payments.

We recommend approval of this item as budgeted.

SUPREME COURT

ITEM 15 of the Budget Bill

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FOR SUPPORT OF THE SUPREME COURT FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested	\$877,224
State employees' retirement	35,175
State employees' health and welfare	3,900

Total	\$916,299
Estimated to be expended in 1961-62 fiscal year	886,524

Increase (3.4 percent)	\$29,775
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TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION None

ANALYSIS

The Supreme Court of California is the highest state court and consists of the Chief Justice and six associate justices, assisted by a staff of 57 which includes 26 attorneys, eight of which are research assistants. The members of the court are initially appointed by the Governor for a 12-year term, at the expiration of which they may stand on their record for election to succeed themselves. The court's headquarters are in San Francisco. It is organized into two departments and sits in San Francisco, Sacramento and Los Angeles.