

LEGISLATURE

Items 1-13 from the General
Fund

Budget p. LJE 1

Requested 1980-81	\$78,486,745
Estimated 1979-80.....	68,487,186
Actual 1978-79	52,758,403
Requested increase (including amount for salary increases) \$9,999,559 (+14.6 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	None

1980-81 FUNDING BY ITEM AND SOURCE

Item	Description	Fund	Amount
1	Salaries of Senators	General	\$1,179,475
2	Mileage of Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Officers	General	1,800
3	Expenses of Senators	General	441,600
4	Senate Contingent Expenses (staff salaries, etc.)	General	21,646,435
5	Automotive Expenses of Senators	General	212,463
6	Salaries of Assemblymen	General	2,345,000
7	Mileage of Assemblymen and Officers	General	4,000
8	Expenses of Assemblymen	General	883,200
9	Assembly Contingent Expenses (staff salaries, etc.)	General	34,201,962
10	Automotive Expenses of Assemblymen	General	493,102
11	Penal Code Revision	General	170,100
12	Legislative Printing	General	3,000,000
13	Expenses of Joint Committees	General	10,250,000
	Subtotal of Legislature's appropriations		\$74,829,137
	Expenditures from Contingent Funds		
	Carry-over Balances	Contingent	1,788,379
	Expenditures from General Fund		
	Carry-over Balance	General	1,869,229
	Total		\$78,486,745

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

Under the terms of a ballot measure adopted in 1972, the Legislature convenes in even-numbered years on the first Monday in December and remains in session, except for recess, until November 30th of the following even-numbered year.

Bills may be introduced in either the first or second year, and bills introduced in the first year and not enacted are automatically carried over to the second, except in the case of bills which have not been passed by their house of origin by January 30th of the second year. The Budget Bill is introduced and enacted annually.

The Legislature had 1,758 employees at the end of 1979.

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ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend approval.

The Legislature has proposed expenditures of \$78,486,745 for the budget year. This amount, which includes funds for salary increases, is \$9,999,559, or 14.6 percent, higher than estimated expenditures in the current year.

Table 1 outlines the sources and uses of funds for legislative expenses. As reflected in Table 1, legislative appropriations historically have been augmented by balances carried over from prior years. In the budget year, 4.7 percent of expenditures (\$3.7 million of the \$78.5 million proposed) will be funded from carry-over balances.

Table 1
Budget Summary

<i>Source of Funding</i>	<i>Estimated 1979-80</i>	<i>Proposed 1980-81</i>	<i>Change</i>
General Fund (appropriation)	\$62,155,914	\$74,829,137	\$12,673,223
General Fund (carry-over) ^a	471,574	1,869,229	1,397,655
Chapter 1135, Statutes of 1979 (Citizens' Advisory Committee on alternatives) ^b	400,000	-	-400,000
Chapter 894, Statutes of 1977 (AB 65—Bilingual educa- tion evaluation)	125,000	-	-125,000
Total General Fund	\$63,152,488	\$76,698,366	\$13,545,878
Carry-over balances in Assembly and Senate Contin- gent Funds	5,334,698	1,788,379	-3,546,319
Total All Funds	\$68,487,186	\$78,486,745	\$9,999,559
Program			
Senate	\$19,578,617	\$23,986,206	\$4,407,589
Assembly	33,313,895	38,021,210	4,707,315
Joint Expenses	15,594,674	16,479,329	884,655
Total Expenditures	\$68,487,186	\$78,486,745	\$9,999,559

a. From prior appropriations for printing.

b. Relates to alternatives to incarceration.

Senate. The \$4,407,589 increase for the Senate consists of \$2,040,281 (14.5 percent) for increased salaries and employee benefits, \$935,896 (312 percent) for study contracts, and various other changes amounting to \$1,431,412.

Assembly. The \$4,707,315 net increase for the Assembly consists of \$4,147,736 (18.7 percent) for increased salaries and employee benefits and numerous other increases totaling \$1,940,739. These increases are partially offset by a decrease of \$1,381,160 (32.5 percent) in communications costs.

Joint Expenses. The joint expense category is proposed to increase by \$884,655. The increase results from a \$1,486,389 increase for salaries and employee benefits, offset by various reductions totaling \$601,734.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

Item 14 from the General Fund

Budget p. LJE 5

Requested 1980-81	\$7,518,474
Estimated 1979-80.....	7,230,121
Actual 1978-79	6,331,504
Requested increase (excluding amount for salary increases) \$288,353 (+4.0 percent)	
Total recommended reduction increase.....	None

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Legislative Counsel Bureau provides legal assistance to the Legislature, its members, and committees. The bureau renders legal opinions, drafts bills, provides legal counsel, supplies attorney support for legislative committee hearings and represents the Legislature in litigation. It prepares necessary indices and tables to identify legislative measures, and compiles and indexes statutes and codes.

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend approval.

The budget proposes \$7,518,474 for support of the bureau for 1980-81, which is \$288,353, or 4.0 percent, more than the estimated current year expenditure. This amount will increase by the amount of any salary or staff benefit increase approved for the budget year.

Increased Personal Services

A net increase of 8.5 positions, merit salary adjustments, position reclassifications, and increased staff benefit costs will increase personal services by \$245,561. The new positions include five office assistant IIs to provide a night shift for the printing of bill amendments, one-half of a stenographic position, and three positions related to the bureau's data processing operations.

Operating Expense Increases

For operating expenses the budget requests \$1,566,261, an increase of \$42,792 (2.8 percent) over current year expenditures. The increase is due primarily to price increases, additional space rental due to program expansion, and increased in-state travel for interim hearings and other program activities. Partly offsetting these increases is a reduction of \$13,670 (3.6 percent) in general expenses.

CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION

Item 15 from the General Fund

Budget p. LJE 7

Requested 1980-81	\$347,751
Estimated 1979-80.....	342,419
Actual 1978-79	279,794
Requested increase (excluding amount for salary increases) \$5,332 (+1.6 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	None

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

The California Law Revision Commission consists of 10 members, one from each house of the Legislature, seven appointed by the Governor, and the Legislative Counsel who is an ex officio, nonvoting member.

Under the commission's direction, its staff of 7.5 employees (including five professional positions) makes studies of statutory and decisional law as requested by concurrent resolution of the Legislature for the purpose of recommending any necessary reforms. The commission presently has before it 26 topics which have been assigned by the Legislature.

Commission recommendations for the 1980 legislative session will pertain to: (1) probate homestead; (2) agreements for the entry of support and paternity judgments; (3) quiet title actions; (4) undertakings for costs; (5) Evidence Code property valuation rules; (6) special assessment liens on property acquired for public use; (7) assignments for the benefit of creditors; (8) vacation of streets, highways, and service easements; and (9) enforcement of judgments against public entities.

Seven of the eight bills recommended by the commission in 1979 were enacted. Among these was a major revision of the Probate Code which streamlined and consolidated provisions relating to guardianship and conservatorship. Other measures enacted relate to confessions of judgments, wage garnishment, conformity of the California attachment law to the new Federal Bankruptcy Act, ad valorem taxes when property is taken for public use, and rules for construction of the Probate Code.

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend approval.

The appropriation request of \$347,751 is \$5,332, or 1.6 percent, above the current-year estimated expenditure. This amount will increase by the amount of any salary or staff benefit increase approved for the budget year.

The increase is due primarily to merit salary adjustments, higher rent costs, and a reduction in salary savings. The increases are partly offset by the proposed deletion of one clerical position, which was held vacant in the current year to allow the purchase of word processing equipment. This position will be deleted in 1980-81 because the increased efficiency of the new equipment makes it unnecessary.

COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

Item 16 from the General Fund

Budget p. LJE 9

Requested 1980-81	\$43,142
Estimated 1979-80.....	39,395
Actual 1978-79	39,095
Requested increase \$3,747 (+9.5 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	None

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Commission on Uniform State Laws sponsors the adoption by California of uniform codes or statutes developed by the National Conference of Commissioners wherever compatibility with the laws of other jurisdictions is considered desirable. The California commissioners attend the annual conference of the national body, at which time the various uniform codes developed or modified by it in the past year are reviewed and submitted to the total membership for consideration and recommendation. The recommended uniform codes deemed by the California members to be appropriate for implementation in California are then presented to the Legislature for consideration.

The California commission consists of seven members—four appointed by the Governor, two members of the Legislature (one selected by each house), and the Legislative Counsel. All seven members must belong to the California State Bar.

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend approval.

The commission's budget request of \$43,142 for 1980-81 is \$3,747, or 9.5 percent, higher than current year estimated expenditures. The increase consists of \$447 in travel and a 10 percent increase, from \$33,000 to \$36,300, in the annual membership dues to the national organization.

JUDICIAL

Items 17, 18 and 20 from the General Fund and Item 19 from the Motor Vehicle Account, State Transportation Fund

Budget p. LJE 10

Requested 1980-81	\$29,135,163
Estimated 1979-80.....	28,821,593
Actual 1978-79	20,891,834
Requested increase (excluding amount for salary increases) \$313,570 (+1.1 percent)	
Total recommended reduction	\$858,108