

Memorandum 89-73

Subject: Commission's Budget for 1990-91

The Commission's budget for the 1990-91 fiscal year must be submitted to the Department of Finance by October 6, 1989. Because our budget is prepared in proper form to be submitted to the Department of Finance by our accounting officer in the Department of General Services, we must provide our accounting officer with the draft of our budget following the Commission meeting on August 31 and September 1, 1989.

Attached as Exhibit 1 are our budgeted and actual expenditures for 1988-89, the legislatively approved budget for 1989-90, and the staff proposed budget for 1990-91. The total amount proposed for 1990-91 is based on the staff's estimate of the amount the Department of Finance will authorize for the 1990-91 fiscal year.

The amounts set out in Exhibit 1 do not include funds to cover a general salary increase of 4% scheduled to take effect on January 1, 1990. We have not yet been informed of the amounts that will be provided to the Commission to cover this increase. The Department of Finance will make revisions in the budget we provide to cover the increase.

We may need to make a few revisions in this budget when the Department of Finance advises us of the precise amount that will be allowed for 1990-91. Additional revisions may be required to conform to the technical instructions we receive from the Department of Finance. Revisions of this type are a normal part of the budget process. If the Department of Finance authorizes us to expend more than the amount set out in the budget, we would increase the printing category.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

Exhibit 1

	1988-89 Budgeted	1988-89 Actual	1989-90 Budgeted	1990-91 Proposed
Salaries & Wages	\$365	\$339	\$386	\$386
Staff Benefits	85	82	89	89
Salary Savings	(12)		(12)	(12)
Personnel Services	\$438	\$421	\$463	\$463
General Expense	13	13	13	13
Printing	18	37	18	18
Communications	4	2	3	3
Postage	7	13	7	7
In-State Travel	15	11	14	15
Out-of-State Travel	2	1	2	2
Facilities Operation	18	18	18	18
Cons & Prof Svcs-Ext.	11	5	11	11
Cons & Prof Svcs-Int.	19	19	19	19
Data Processing	6	7	6	7
Equipment	22	26		
Operating Expense & Equipment	\$135	\$152	\$111	\$113
Total Expenditures	\$573	\$573	\$574	\$576

(All figures are in thousands of dollars)

July 1, 1989

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8830 CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION

The primary objective of the California Law Revision Commission is to study the statutory and decisional law of this state, to discover defects and anachronisms and to recommend legislation to effect needed reforms.

The Commission consists of a member of the Senate, a member of the Assembly and seven additional members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Legislative Counsel is an ex officio member of the Commission.

The Commission assists the Legislature in keeping the law up to date by studying complex and controversial subjects, identifying major policy questions for legislative attention, gathering the views of interested persons and organizations and drafting recommended legislation for legislative consideration. The efforts of the Commission permit the Legislature to determine significant policy questions rather than to concern itself with the technical problems in preparing background studies, resolving intricate legal problems and drafting needed legislation. The Commission thus enables the Legislature to accomplish legal reform that otherwise might not be made because of the heavy demands on legislative time. In some cases the Commission's study discloses that no new legislation on a particular topic is needed, thus avoiding the need for further study.

The Commission may only study topics which the Legislature authorizes by concurrent resolution. The Commission currently has an agenda of 26 topics, one of which was added by the Legislature in 1989.

In 1988, the Commission recommended two bills to improve probate law and procedures. The bills—both of which were enacted—amended 125 sections, added 398 sections, and repealed 312 sections.

During 1989, the Commission plans to work almost exclusively on probate law and procedure. The Commission's objective is to submit a recommendation proposing the enactment of a new Probate Code to replace the existing Probate Code.

Authority

Section 8280, Government Code.

DEPARTMENT Preliminary

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Exhibit 2

REPLACE WITH ATTACHED COPY.

Budget Draft--

substitute for last 2 paragraphs of Commission description

In 1989 the Commission recommended four bills to improve probate law and procedure, one bill to correct miscellaneous creditors' remedies problems, and one bill to codify the law governing assignment and sublease of commercial real property leases. Five bills were enacted; the sixth bill will be acted on in 1990.

In 1990 the Commission plans to recommend enactment of a new Probate Code, to replace the existing Probate Code. The Commission also plans to work on administrative procedure, on a new family relations code, and on issues related to other topics.