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Memorandum 81-49

Subject: Budget for 1982-83 Fiscal Year

Attached is a staff proposed budget for the 1982-1983 fiscal year. The proposed budget is two percent more than the approved budget for the current year. The amount proposed to be expended for the budget year (1982-83) is the maximum amount that the Department of Finance will allow.

Commissioners' compensation has been increased from \$3000 to \$4200 in anticipation of appointments to the three currently vacant positions on the Commission. We have prepared the budget on the assumption that the Staff Counsel II position (now filled at a 3/4 time base) will continue to be filled on a 3/4 time base. The budget provides funds for promotion of the Staff Counsel I to Staff Counsel II effective October 1, 1981 (the Staff Counsel I has been on the Commission's legal staff for more than nine years and achieved the minimum experience requirements for promotion to Staff Counsel II five years ago). Promotion of the Word Processing Technician from Range A to Range B is planned for November 1981. Funds for this promotion are not included in the budget and will be obtained from salary savings realized from other positions.

The staff believes that the amount available in the proposed budget is sufficient to carry on the present level of activities without serious impairment. We request that the Commission approve the budget. We will answer any questions you have concerning the budget at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary

017 CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION

Program Objectives and Description

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

The Commission assists the Legislature in keeping the law up to date by intensively 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, working out intricate legal problems, and drafting needed legislation. The Commission thus enables the Legislature to accomplish needed reforms 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 relieving the Legislature of the need to study the topic.

In 1981, the Commission recommended nine bills to the Legislature. Six were enacted; three are two year bills which will be acted upon by the Legislature in 1982. The enacted bills dealt with state tax liens, special assessment liens, guardianship-conservatorship law, powers of appointment, durable power of attorney, and the rate of interest on judgments.

The major recommendation for consideration at the 1982 session will be one proposing a new comprehensive enforcement of judgments law, including such matters as exemption from execution. Other recommendations relate to prejudgment attachment, making title to real property more marketable, reducing the cost of probating estates, statutory bonds and undertakings, and dismissal of civil actions for lack of prosecution. During 1982-83, the Commission also plans to continue work on other major projects: problems under the community property statutes, real property law, and revision of the Probate Code. Other topics will also be considered to the extent time and resources permit.

SUMMARY BY OBJECT

(Figures in Thousands)

	Actual 80-81	Estimated 81-82	Proposed 82-83	Actual 80-81	Estimated 81-82	Proposed 82-83
PERSONAL SERVICES						
Authorized positions.....	6.5	8	8	\$ 223	\$ 251	\$ 255
Merit salary adjustment.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Workload & administrative adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Salaries & Wages	<u>6.5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>\$ 223</u>	<u>\$ 251</u>	<u>\$ 255</u>
Estimated salary savings.....	-	-0.7	-0.6	-	-14	-10
Net Totals, Salaries & Wages.....	<u>6.5</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>7.4</u>	<u>\$ 223</u>	<u>\$ 237</u>	<u>\$ 245</u>
Staff benefits.....	-	-	-	57	62	64
TOTALS, PERSONAL SERVICES	<u>6.5</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>7.4</u>	<u>\$ 280</u>	<u>\$ 299</u>	<u>\$ 309</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT

General Expenses.....	\$ 13	\$ 15	\$ 16
Printing.....	19	18	16
Communications.....	3	5	5
Postage.....	4	6	6
Travel--in-state.....	6	8	9
Travel--out-of-state.....	1	1	1
Training.....	-	-	-
Facilities operations.....	15	16	17
Consultant & Professional Services; External.....	26	17	15
Consultant & Professional Services; Interdepartmental.....	13	13	13
Expendable Equipment.....	-	-	-
Equipment.....	-	-	-
TOTALS, OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT.....	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 99</u>	<u>\$ 98</u>
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES.....	<u>\$ 380</u>	<u>\$ 398</u>	<u>\$ 407</u>

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

CLASS TITLE	Filled 1980-81	Author. 1981-82	Proposed 1982-83	Actual 1980-81	Estimated 1981-82	Proposed 1982-83
Commission Members (7), per diem	-	-	-	\$50/day	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,200
Executive Secretary	1	1	1	\$4032-4211	50,532	50,532
Assistant Executive Secretary	1	1	1	3398-4113	49,356	49,356
Staff Counsel II	0.7	2	2	2951-3566	82,605	85,080
Staff Counsel I	1	-	-	2684-3245	-	-
Staff Services Analyst	0.7	1	1	1327-2073	22,668	23,748
Management Services Technician	0.2	-	-	1110-1476	-	-
Sr. Word Processing Technician	1	1	1	1189-1402	15,480	16,128
Word Processing Technician	0.4	1	1	989-1235	12,888	13,330
Temporary Help	0.5	1	1	(17,324)	14,043	12,843
TOTALS, AUTHORIZED POSITIONS	6.5	8	8	222,916	250,572	255,217
Regular, Ongoing	6	7	7	205,592	236,529	242,374
Temporary Help	0.5	1	1	17,324	14,043	12,843

ESTIMATED SALARIES & WAGES

CLASS TITLE	Filled 1980-81	Estimated 1981-82	Proposed 1982-83	Actual 1980-81	Estimated 1981-82	Proposed 1982-83
Commission Members (7), per diem	-	-	-	\$50/day	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,200
Executive Secretary	1	1	1	\$4032-4211	50,532	50,532
Assistant Executive Secretary	1	1	1	3398-4113	49,356	49,356
Staff Counsel II	0.7	1.4	1.7	2951-3566	62,298	74,382
Staff Counsel I	1	0.3	-	2684-3245	9,735	-
Staff Services Analyst	0.7	1	1	1327-2073	22,668	23,748
Management Services Technician	0.2	-	-	1110-1476	-	-
Sr. Word Processing Technician	1	1	1	1290-1530	15,480	16,128
Word Processing Technician	0.4	1	1	989-1235	13,104	13,576
Temporary Help	0.5	1	1	(17,324)	14,043	12,843
NET TOTAL SALARIES	6.5	7.7	7.7	222,916	240,216	244,765