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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

Olympia, Washington,  
December 9, 1918.

*To the Honorable Members of the Legislature of Wash-  
ington.*

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Chapter 126, Laws of 1915, the State Board of Finance submits herewith budget of appropriations for the biennium beginning April 1, 1919. We have followed the plan of the previous board in submitting this budget in concise and brief form. The detail budgets for committee use, prepared in typewritten form with complete indices, are in the possession of the board awaiting the convening of the legislature and any additional information desired will be promptly and cheerfully furnished on request. An attempt to print in this report all of the details supporting the numerous requests for appropriations would result in a voluminous record conveying an unintelligible presentation of the information desired.

The Board of Finance in its deliberations has endeavored to follow a conservative and constructive policy curtailing the requests of no institution or department below those appearing to be reasonably necessary. There is no question in our minds but that all appropriations asked for, except those about which we have made special recommendations, are essential to a constructive policy for proper maintenance and perpetuation of the state institutions.

While your honorable body will undoubtedly see the necessity of eliminating or reducing several requests for appropriations, we have left the matter of choice as to which items should be thus treated for your decision in-

stead of endeavoring to eliminate many worthy and needed appropriations in order to keep within the revenues.

Two years ago the total appropriations for legislative expenses were \$140,000. We are recommending \$130,000 for the ensuing biennium which is approximately the amount expended by the last legislature.

We are making no recommendations concerning the requests of the institutions of higher education known as the Bellingham Normal School, Cheney Normal School, Ellensburg Normal School, Washington State College and the University of Washington since these appropriations must be kept within the limits of the various millage taxes and other revenues and we consider that the appropriations can best be determined by the legislature.

Also, we respectfully call your attention to the appropriations requested for the departments of Fisheries, Oyster Reserves and Game. These should all be commensurate with the estimated revenues for the ensuing biennium. Past experiences show that the revenues from the Fisheries Fund are not adequate to properly take care of the running expenses of the Fisheries Department and provide for any construction program. We recommend an investigation of the revenue producing laws for the Fisheries Fund to the end that additional monies might be provided, looking to the eventual building up of a complete system for the artificial propagation of food fish.

We believe that the legislature should memorialize Congress to increase the amount of Federal aid for the United State's disabled veteran soldiers, raising the per capita from \$100 to \$150.

Owing to important proposals pending relative to the bonding of the revenues of the Motor Vehicle Department under the Secretary of State we deem it advisable to call your attention to the appropriation for the same.



We are placing the appropriation submitted by the Secretary of State for this department before you without change since it seems impossible at this writing for him to obtain the necessary information relative to the cost of number and license plates included in the item of "supplies, materials and service," \$339,500. It appears to us that this amount is excessive. We also recommend that this appropriation be made from the Permanent Highway Fund "not to exceed collections," instead of the General Fund so that any unexpended appropriations might revert to the Permanent Highway Fund. Under the present law the General Fund is reimbursed for the expenses of the Motor Vehicle department from the revenues derived from motor vehicle licenses, etc. By appropriating this money from the Permanent Highway Fund the reimbursements would be automatically taken care of by the payment of all motor vehicle revenues direct into the Permanent Highway Fund.

We have recommended no appropriation for the "Special Publicity Fund" submitted by the Secretary of State, \$50,000, although an appropriation of \$45,000 was made for this purpose, two years ago, subject to like appropriations of Oregon and British Columbia. We believe this item can be profitably eliminated owing to the fact that the present is a time of actual construction rather than advertising and that this amount of money expended in capital outlays would provide actual work for returning soldiers. Camp Lewis has been one of the greatest advertising mediums that this state has ever had and by using all possible available funds to provide work for returning soldiers we will accomplish practical results.

This budget contains some technical, nevertheless essential, appropriations such as reappropriations of the unexpended balances in both the Permanent and Public Highway funds to take care of existing contracts carried over into the ensuing biennium, the exact amounts of

which can best be determined during the session of the legislature after further expenditures have been made. Also the following appropriations:

Retirement of Capitol Building	
Fund Bonds .....	\$290,000.00
Interest on Capitol Bonds.....	22,000.00
Harbor Improvement Fund dis- tribution .....	100,000.00

Two years ago the Governor vetoed the appropriation made by the legislature for the State Law Librarian. Since this appropriation is subject to further action by your honorable body, the Board of Finance deems it advisable to make no recommendation as its status is now one of legislation, the Governor's position having been clearly taken in the exercise of his veto.

Consideration of the legislature relative to the question of dividing the expenses of the Industrial Insurance Department, (say one-half to be borne by the General Fund and one-half by the Accident Fund) might be worthy of attention.

The board makes a special request for a General Emergency appropriation of \$100,000, to be used according to the discretion of the State Board of Finance for such purposes as combating contagious human diseases, contagious animal diseases, forage crop investigations, extermination of pests, and other emergencies.

A revolving appropriation of approximately \$700,000 from the Public Highway Fund is requested for use in connection with technical deficiencies caused by the application and use of Federal appropriations for post roads in conjunction with State appropriations. This is a matter of accounting which cannot be thoroughly explained in a writing of this kind but is absolutely necessary to protect the state officials in properly following the law in respect to appropriations and deficiencies. It will be fully presented to the proper committees of your honorable body.

The laws should make provision for an equitable distribution of the Normal School Current Fund revenues into the Ellensburg Normal School Fund, Bellingham Normal School Fund and Cheney Normal School Fund; this to be done by transfer on the books of the State Treasurer and Auditor. Similar provision should be made for transfer of the Agricultural College Current Fund and Scientific School Current Fund into the Washington State College Fund; and of the University Current Fund into the University Fund. A bill will be prepared by the State Treasurer covering this.

A law authorizing the transfer of the State Board of Medical Examiners Fund into the State General Fund should be made. This request was made by the State Treasurer and a bill provided at the last session but no action was taken on the same.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE BOARD OF FINANCE,

By W. W. Sherman, Chairman,  
Governor Ernest Lister,  
State Auditor C. W. Clausen.