Inventory of the California State Senate Appropriations Committee Records


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Descriptive Summary

Title: California State Senate Appropriations Committee Records
Dates: 1985-2008
Creator: Senate Appropriations Committee
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Abstract: The Senate Appropriations Committee is the most recent Senate committee to oversee bills which appropriate money or result in a substantive expenditure or loss of revenue and which are not referred to the Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. The Senate Appropriations Committee records consist of Bill Files, 1985-2008; Hearing Files, 1991-1996, 2001-2007; and Final Reports 2003-2007. Also included are the records of two subcommittees. The records of the Senate Subcommittee on Bonded Indebtedness and Methods of Financing consist of Bill Files, 1987-1996, Hearing Files, 1989-1996; and Subject Files, 1988-1996. The records of the Senate Subcommittee on Fiscal Oversight and Bonded Indebtedness consist of one hearing file from 2007.

Physical location: California State Archives
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
While the majority of the records are open for research, any access restrictions will be noted in the record series descriptions.

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Acquisition History
The State Archives received these records in accordance with California Government Code 9080(b) which requires legislative committees to transfer their records to the State Archives when they are no longer needed by the committee.

Committee History
The Senate Appropriations Committee is the most recent Senate committee to oversee bills which appropriate money or result in a substantive expenditure or loss of revenue and which are not referred to the Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. Additionally, any bill having a digest which, indicates that the bill requires state reimbursement to local agencies or school districts for costs mandated by the state shall be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The first committee that had appropriations under its purview was the Senate Finance Committee. Its purpose was to review appropriations bills, including the Budget Bill and claim bill, other bills and concurrent resolutions required to be referred to the committee by Joint Rule 10.5 and any bills described in subdivision (a) of Rule 28.9. In 1985 this committee was abolished. The Senate Appropriations Committee then was formed by Senate Resolution 11, passed on February 15, 1985. Initially, the committee consisted of nine members then increased to twelve members in 1989. In 1992, committee membership increased again to thirteen and in 2007 the committee consisted on seventeen members.

The chairs of the committee from 1985 to 2008 were:

Presley, Robert (Dem.) 1987-1994
Johnston, Patrick (Dem.) 1995-2000
Alpert, Deirdre W. (Dem.) 2001-2004
Migden, Carole (Dem.) 2005-2006
Torlakson, Tom (Dem.) 2007-2008

Scope and Content


Each legislative session the Senate Appropriations Committee reviewed a large percentage of the bills introduced in the legislature to determine their fiscal feasibility. The records of the committee document their recommendations for each bill. As a result of the high volume of bills under review each year, the bill files are minimal and contain routine forms and analyses. Similarly, the majority of the hearing files contain primarily vote logs and very little substantive discussion. Subject files from the Subcommittee on Bonded Indebtedness and Methods of Financing contain the most in-depth information on various political issues.

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

California State Senate Appropriations Committee
Government spending
Fiscal policy

Related Collections at the California State Archives

Researchers interested in this committee are advised to check the papers of its Chairs. Committee Chairs often kept materials relating to committee operations among their personal files. For Chair papers available at the California State Archives or other repositories, this information can be found in the committee history.
Series 1 Bill Files 1985-2008

Physical Description: 1,774 file folders

Alternative Form of Materials Available
Microfilm copies of bill files are available for the years 1985-1992 where indicated with MF before the LP number. Researchers must use microfilm when available.

Arrangement
Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note
Bill files created by the Senate Appropriations Committee may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author’s statements, testimony, press releases, editorials and newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and other information. However, the majority of bill files contain only analyses or committee logs for each bill.

1985-1986: SB2-SB2620; SCA5-SCA41; SCR8-SCR102; SR44 (82ff) MF LP234:21-102
1985-1986: AB3-AB4419; ACA2-ACA5; ACR3-ACR167; AJR27-AJR102 (107ff) MF LP234:103-209
1987-1988: SB4-SB2896; SCA6-SCA37; SCR11-SCR102; SJR7, SJR30 (120ff) MF LP261:64-183
1987-1988: AB936-AB4697; ACA1, ACA8; ACR3-ACR158; AJR14-AJR65 (125ff) MF LP262:1-125
1987-1988: SB1X-SB7X; SCR1X; AB1X-AB7X (1ff) MF LP262:126
1989-1990: SB2007-SB2912; SCA1-SCA53; SCR11-SCR113; SJR22; SB1X-SB49X (40ff) MF LP278:1-40
1989-1990: AB2-AB4370; ACA32, ACA38; ACR10-ACR166; AJR80; AB3X-AB53X (152ff) MF LP278:41-192
1991-1992: SB1X-SB20X; SB1-SB2068; SCA5-SCA29; SCR4-SCR81, SJR4, SJR43 (83ff) MF LP287:1-83
1991-1992: AB9X-AB58X; AB1-AB3829; ACA1, ACR1-ACR126; AJR6-AJR62 (101ff) MF LP287:84-184
1993-1994: SB1X-SB2147; SCA1-SCA44; SCR4-SCR60; SJR18-SJR31; SB3X-SB55X (77ff) LP295:1-77
1993-1994: SB6-AB3836; ACA17, ACA46; ACR6-ACR149; AJR36-AJR87; AB1X-AB160X; ACR1X (133ff) LP295:78-210
1995-1996: SB1X-SB2177; SCA2-SCA29; SCR11-SCR66; SJR10-SJR44; SB5X-SB10X; SB2XX-SB23XX (52ff) LP320:1-52
1995-1996: AB1-AB3504; ACR6-ACR92; AJR30, AJR62; AB1X-AB12X; AB1XXX (75ff) LP320:53-127
1997-1998: SB1X-SB2242; SCA16; SCR2-SCR102; SJR8, SJR38; SB1X-SB11X (91ff) LP320:128-218
1997-1998: AB2-AB2812; ACA10-ACA30; ACR2-ACR185; AJR56, AJR58; AB1X-AB11X (103ff) LP320:219-321
1999-2000: SB3-SB2203; SCA3-SCA20; SCR2-SCR93; SJR31; SB1X-SB2X (46ff) LP350:1-46
1999-2000: AB1-AB2941; ACA12; ACR1-ACR179; AJR4-AJR42; AB1X-AB2X (62ff) LP350:47-108
2001-2002: SB1X-SB2099; SCA4-SCA15; SCR13-SCR106; SJR25; SB1X-SB44X; SB18XX-SB87XX; SB2XX-SB10XX (22ff) LP350:148-169
2001-2002: AB1-AB3057; ACA8-ACA12; ACR5-ACR204; AB1X-AB2X, AB9XX-AB86XX (28ff) LP350:170-197
2003-2004: SB1X-SB1916; SCR4-SCR92, SJR6-SJR30; SB1XXX-AB16XXX (24ff) LP350:198-221
2003-2004: AB1-AB3118; ACA2-ACR248; AJR32-AJR74 (41ff) LP350:222-262
2005-2006: SB1X-SB1851; SCA3-48; SCR7-SCR130; SB2XX-SCA4XX (24ff) LP350:263-286
See Appendix A for LP numbers

Series 1 Bill Files 1985-2008

  - **Physical Description:** 375 file folders
  - **Arrangement**
    - Hearing files are arranged chronologically by date of hearing.
  - **Scope and Content**
    - Hearing files created by the Senate Appropriations Committee may include testimony, agendas, minutes, and correspondence. The bulk of the hearings were held to review various bills; however several hearings focused on subjects such as child support collection, taxes, and health coverage.
    - Please see Appendix A in Additional Series Information for a complete list of hearing dates and topics.
  
  **Additional Series Information**
  - Appendix A: List of Hearing Files

See below for LP numbers

Series 3 Final Reports 2003-2007

- **Physical Description:** 16 file folders
- **Arrangement**
  - Final Reports are arranged chronologically by date of report.
- **Scope and Content**
  - LP350:669-682: Final reports for 2003-2004 consist of "full committee logs" printed on October 25, 2004 and are arranged numerically by bill number within each house.
  - LP350:868-870: Reports for 2005-2007 consist of routine reports produced by the committee containing their recommendations for bills and a few pieces of correspondence.

**Senate Subcommittee on Bonded Indebtedness and Methods of Financing 1987-1996**

LP350:683-784

Series 1 Bill Files 1987-1996

- **Physical Description:** 109 file folders
- **Arrangement**
  - Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.
- **Scope and Content Note**
  - Bill files created by the Senate Subcommittee on Bonded Indebtedness and Methods of Financing may include bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, editorials and newspaper clippings, correspondence, committee statements, and other information.

**Senate Bonded Indebtedness and Methods of Financing Subcommittee**

- 1989-1990: SB78-SB2870; SCA2-SCA49; SJR55-SJR74; SB8X-SB13X (10ff) LP350:684-693
- 1989-1990: AB97-AB4236 (7ff) LP350:694-700
Series 2 Hearing Files 1989-1996

Physical Description: 83 file folders
Arrangement
Hearing files are arranged chronologically by date of hearing.
Scope and Content Note
Hearing files created by the Senate Subcommittee on Bonded Indebtedness and Methods of Financing may include testimony, agendas, minutes, and correspondence. The bulk of the hearings were held to review various bills. However, several hearings focused on subjects such as funding and bonds for state schools, facilities, pollution control, and debt relief.
Please see Appendix B in Additional Series Information for a complete listing of hearing dates and topics.
Additional Series Information
Appendix B: List of Subcommittee Hearing Files

Series 3 Subject Files 1988-1996

Physical Description: 46 file folders
Arrangement
Subject files are arranged alphabetically by subject heading.
Scope and Content Note
Subject files created by the subcommittee may include correspondence, emails, memoranda, statistical findings, published and unpublished reports, notes, and newspaper clippings. Prominent subjects include bonds, education, enterprise zones, and fire protection.
Please see Appendix C in Additional Series Information for a complete listing of subject files.
Additional Series Information
Appendix C: List of Subject Files

Senate Subcommittee on Fiscal Oversight and Bonded Indebtedness 2007

Series 1 Hearing File 2007

Physical Description: 1 file folder
Arrangement
Hearing file arranged chronologically by date of hearing.
Scope and Content Note
Hearing file from the February 7, 2007 hearing held in Sacramento on "Infrastructure Financing Accountability."