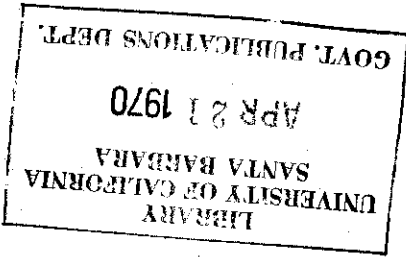


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Agency and Activity

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 (In thousands of dollars)

Agency and Activity	1969 act.	1970 est.	1971 est.
President's Committee on Consumer Interests			
NOA <u>1/</u>	\$ 421	\$ 460	\$ 810
Exp. <u>2/</u>	344	450	810

Description of Functions

The Committee acts as the principal voice of the consumer in the Administration, coordinates consumer activity in Government agencies, cooperates with State agencies and voluntary organizations in advancing the interests of consumer, promotes improved consumer education, recommends legislation of benefit to consumers, and encourages productive dialog and interaction between industry, government and the consumer.

Agency and Activity	NOA	Exp.	1969 act.	1970 est.	1971 est.
Department of Agriculture					
Consumer and Marketing Service	NOA		523,337	620,865	611,101
		Exp.	529,755	613,325	608,922

This service includes inspection of meat and meat products, and poultry and poultry products. Also, nationally uniform standards of quality for agricultural products are established on a voluntary basis, i.e., the standards are applied by or under the supervision of Federal employees at the request of any interested parties.

Agency and Activity	NOA	Exp.	1969 act.	1970 est.	1971 est.
Department of Commerce					
National Bureau of Standards					
Research and Technical Services	NOA		36,100	39,187	43,280
		Exp.	36,200	38,990	40,404

These services include research and development of test methods and standards of performance for specifications, standards and codes pertaining to materials, products, and systems used in commerce and industry, research in clinical laboratory standards, fire research and flammable fabric standards.

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Department of Health, Education and Welfare Consumer Protection and Environmental Health Service	NOA	1969 act.	1970 est.	1971 est.
	Exp.	\$209,691 173,932	\$231,892 217,117	\$251,107 253,849

This service includes the regulatory functions of the Food and Drug Administration regarding foods, drugs, cosmetics, devices, pesticides, and household products, and efforts to deal with air pollution, solid wastes, radiation dangers, and water pollution.

Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index ^{3/}	Exp.	15,175	15,175	15,675
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The Consumer Price Index measures average changes in the retail prices of selected goods, rents, and services, bought by urban wage earners and clerical families both on a National scale and for large metropolitan areas.

Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Traffic and Highway Safety	NOA	26,388	30,228	50,850
	Exp.	20,590	27,624	41,314

This function consists of work on motor vehicle safety standards for new and used vehicles, for insuring compliance with these standards, and for research to reduce highway accidents, deaths, and injuries.

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Agency and Activity	NOA	1969 act.	1970 est.	1971 est.
Dept. of Transportation Fed. Highway Adm. (cont.)				
State and Community Highway Safety Programs	NOA	\$ 75,000	\$100,000	- -
	Exp.	19,579	66,000	66,000
Motor Carrier Safety	NOA	2,080	2,473	4,118
	Exp.	2,068	2,465	3,658
Natural Gas Pipeline Safety	NOA	- -	1,000	1,000
	Exp.	- -	1,000	1,000
Federal Trade Commission ^{4/}				
Deceptive Practices	Exp.	7,296	9,355	9,204

These programs include grants to States and communities for improving highway safety.

This program includes safety investigations. A new research and development program to improve safety will begin in 1971.

New program of grants to States provides for safety compliance activities authorized under the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968.

False and misleading advertising and other unfair or deceptive practices are prevented by corrective action, including voluntary trade-practice conference and advertising guides; business and the public are protected from misbranding and nondisclosure of fiber content of manufactured wool products and household textile articles; consumers and merchants are protected from unfair practices with respect to furs and fur products; and the public is protected from dangers inherent in flammable fabrics. In 1971, program activities will emphasize consumer protection and education; additional clarification and enforcement of the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act, increased compliance enforcement of Commission orders, monitoring of food and drug advertising, scientific advice and assistance on product content, and affirmative action on product disclosure and standardization.

