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- A new director and legislative liaison have been hired.

## Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

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### ROLE

The Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs was created in 1977. Its purpose is to serve as an advocate for Hispanic persons in Ohio and to help develop policies and plans to meet the needs of the Hispanic community. The commission is also a resource to the general public, business, the General Assembly, and other governmental agencies, as well as non-profit or educational organizations that are seeking information about Ohio's Hispanic community.

The commission has three full-time staff: a director, legislative liaison, and secretary. The commission has three primary goals: 1) to promote actions and programs that will address academic achievement of Hispanic students, 2) to continue and enhance Hispanic leadership development efforts, and 3) to promote economic development and employment in the Hispanic community.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
3	\$216,000	\$221,000	\$207,000	\$212,000	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

### OVERVIEW

The Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs received \$436,730 for the biennium. The commission received \$444,226 for the previous biennium. This represents a decrease in funding of approximately 1.7 percent for total appropriations. GRF appropriations are \$419,548 for this biennium and were \$427,817 for the previous biennium. This represents a decrease in funding of 1.9 percent.

The commission is becoming unable to meet all of its constituents' requests as the population served has grown more than 50 percent since the commission was established in 1977. The agency is considering using grant writing and fund-raising to help support important projects. The commission is also considering using corporate sponsors for various events and conferences.

## **BUDGET ISSUES**

### ***COMMISSION ON HISPANIC/LATINO AFFAIRS PROGRESS REVIEW***

The commission is required to submit to the ranking minority member of the Human Services Subcommittee of the Finance and Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives a report that demonstrates the progress that has been made toward meeting the commission's mission statement. This report must be submitted no later than December 31, 2001. There may be minimal fiscal effects due to the preparation of the report. 

**FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Groups**

<b>Line Item Detail by Agency</b>			<b>FY 1999:</b>	<b>FY 2000:</b>	<b>FY 2001:</b>	<b>FY 2002 Appropriations:</b>	<b>% Change 2001 to 2002:</b>	<b>FY 2003 Appropriations:</b>	<b>% Change 2002 to 2003:</b>
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: Enacted</b>						
<b>SPA Hispanic / Latino Affairs, Commission on</b>									
GRF	148-100	Personal Services	\$ 147,800	\$ 172,385	\$130,044	\$ 168,594	29.64%	\$ 173,364	2.83%
GRF	148-200	Maintenance	\$ 37,849	\$ 37,392	\$36,596	\$ 35,284	-3.58%	\$ 35,215	-0.20%
GRF	148-300	Equipment	\$ 3,488	\$ 0		\$ 3,593	N/A	\$ 3,499	-2.63%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 189,137</b>	<b>\$ 209,777</b>	<b>\$ 166,639</b>	<b>\$ 207,471</b>	<b>24.50%</b>	<b>\$ 212,077</b>	<b>2.22%</b>
601	148-602	Gifts & Miscellaneous	\$ 0	\$ 5,719	\$5,137	\$ 8,485	65.16%	\$ 8,697	2.50%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 5,719</b>	<b>\$ 5,137</b>	<b>\$ 8,485</b>	<b>65.16%</b>	<b>\$ 8,697</b>	<b>2.50%</b>
<b>Hispanic / Latino Affairs, Commission on Total</b>			<b>\$ 189,137</b>	<b>\$ 215,496</b>	<b>\$ 171,777</b>	<b>\$ 215,956</b>	<b>25.72%</b>	<b>\$ 220,774</b>	<b>2.23%</b>