

LSC Greenbook

Analysis of the Enacted Budget

Senate

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Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

Senate

- Primarily GRF-driven budget
- Largest expense: member and staff compensation
- Budget supports maintenance of FY 2013 service and activity levels

OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

The legislative branch of the state of Ohio includes the General Assembly, which is composed of two chambers: the Senate and the House of Representatives. Based on Article II of the Ohio Constitution, the General Assembly can be viewed as having three fundamental legislative powers: (1) the power to enact laws providing for the establishment, organization, and operation of government in Ohio, (2) the power to enact all manner of laws that promote the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, and (3) the power to levy and collect taxes for certain purposes.

Members of the Ohio Senate are elected to four-year terms, and represent 33 separate districts, the boundaries of which are determined according to equal distributions of population. The elections in the Senate are staggered such that approximately half of the members are elected in each two-year election cycle. All members are subject to term limits prescribing no more than two consecutive four-year terms.

Appropriation Overview

As Table 1 below indicates, over 90%, or \$11.7 million, of the Senate's budget in each of FY 2014 and FY 2015 will be financed by money appropriated from the General Revenue Fund (GRF). These GRF appropriations will be sufficient for the Senate to maintain its FY 2013 level of services and activities, including personal service-related payroll expenses (salaries and wages, supplements, and fringe benefits).

Table 1. Senate Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2014-FY 2015 (Am. Sub. H.B. 59)					
Fund Group	FY 2013*	FY 2014	% change, FY 2013-FY 2014	FY 2015	% change, FY 2014-FY 2015
General Revenue	\$10,544,781	\$11,657,822	10.6%	\$11,657,822	0.0%
General Services	\$552,010	\$886,498	60.6%	\$886,498	0.0%
TOTAL	\$11,096,791	\$12,544,320	13.0%	\$12,544,320	0.0%

*FY 2013 figures represent actual expenditures.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

Table 2 below shows the line items that are used to fund the Senate's services and activities, as well as the enacted funding levels. It is then followed by a narrative describing how each appropriated amount will be used.

Table 2. Senate Services and Activities Appropriations				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2014	FY 2015
General Revenue Fund (GRF)				
GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	\$11,657,822	\$11,657,822
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$11,657,822	\$11,657,822
General Services Fund (GSF) Group				
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	\$852,001	\$852,001
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$34,497	\$34,497
General Services Fund Group Subtotal			\$886,498	\$886,498
Total Funding: Senate Services and Activities			\$12,544,320	\$12,544,320

Operating Expenses (GRF line item 020321)

This GRF line item is the primary source of financing for the Senate's operating expenses. In each of FYs 2014 and 2015, the budget appropriates \$11,657,822 to this line item. These annual amounts will be sufficient for the Senate to maintain the level of services and activities delivered in FY 2013, largely the payroll costs and obligations associated with 33 Senate members, 125 full-time staff, and around 40 part-time pages. The remainder will be allocated, in rough order of magnitude, for maintenance and supplies, equipment purchases, and personal services contracts.

Section 383.10 of the budget contains a temporary law provision requiring the Director of Budget and Management, at the direction of the Clerk of the Senate, to transfer all, or a portion, of the Senate's unexpended, unencumbered GRF appropriation from FY 2013 to FY 2014, and similarly, from FY 2014 to FY 2015.

Senate Reimbursement (GSF line item 020602)

This GSF line item is funded through miscellaneous reimbursements, such as refunds from the Department of Administrative Services for overpayment of medical insurance premiums for state senators, amounts received for the salvage and recycling of equipment, materials, and supplies, and payments from members and staff for incidental use of equipment or facilities. This money is statutorily restricted to pay for operating expenses of the Senate. For this purpose, the budget appropriates \$852,001 in each of FYs 2014 and 2015. Typically, the line item's appropriation is disbursed to cover supplies and maintenance expenses.

Miscellaneous Sales (GSF line item 020601)

This GSF line item is funded by money collected by the Office of the Clerk of the Senate for the sale of flags, insignia, seals, frames for resolutions, and similar items. The money is statutorily restricted to pay for the costs of procuring these items for resale. It is for this purpose that the budget enacts a line item appropriation of \$34,497 in each of FYs 2014 and 2015. All costs associated with the procurement of these items in excess of the money available through this GSF revenue stream are statutorily required to be paid out of the regular appropriation to the Senate, which in practice, would mean GRF line item 020321, Operating Expenses.

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FY 2014 - FY 2015 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

			FY 2012	FY 2013	Appropriation FY 2014	FY 2013 to FY 2014 % Change	Appropriation FY 2015	FY 2014 to FY 2015 % Change
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted					
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GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	\$ 10,537,811	\$ 10,544,781	\$ 11,657,822	10.56%	\$ 11,657,822	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 10,537,811	\$ 10,544,781	\$ 11,657,822	10.56%	\$ 11,657,822	0.00%
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	\$ 246,237	\$ 548,668	\$ 852,001	55.29%	\$ 852,001	0.00%
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$ 20,135	\$ 3,342	\$ 34,497	932.11%	\$ 34,497	0.00%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 266,372	\$ 552,010	\$ 886,498	60.59%	\$ 886,498	0.00%
Senate Total			\$ 10,804,183	\$ 11,096,791	\$ 12,544,320	13.04%	\$ 12,544,320	0.00%