

LSC Greenbook

Analysis of the Enacted Budget

Ohio Senate

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Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

Ohio Senate

- Primarily GRF-driven budget
- Budget supports maintenance of FY 2015 service and activity levels
- Largest expense: member and staff compensation

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

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 the table below indicates, 96.5%, or \$12.5 million, of the Senate's budget in each of FYs 2016 and 2017 will be financed by money appropriated from the General Revenue Fund (GRF). This funding amount will be sufficient for the Senate to maintain FY 2015 service and activity levels, largely personal service-related payroll expenses (salaries and wages, supplements, and fringe benefits), over the course of the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium.

Senate Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2016-FY 2017 (Am. Sub. H.B. 64)					
Fund Group	FY 2015*	FY 2016	% change, FY 2015-FY 2016	FY 2017	% change, FY 2016-FY 2017
General Revenue	\$11,100,536	\$12,518,143	12.8%	\$12,518,143	0.0%
Internal Service Activity	\$417,992	\$460,297	10.1%	\$460,297	0.0%
TOTAL	\$11,518,528	\$12,978,440	12.7%	\$12,978,440	0.0%

*FY 2015 figures represent actual expenditures.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

The table 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.

Senate Services and Activities Appropriations				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue Fund (GRF)				
GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	\$12,518,143	\$12,518,143
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$12,518,143	\$12,518,143
Internal Service Activity (ISA) Fund Group				
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	\$425,800	\$425,800
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$34,497	\$34,497
Internal Service Activity Fund Group Subtotal			\$460,297	\$460,297
Total Funding: Operating Expenses			\$12,978,440	\$12,978,440

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 2016 and 2017, the budget appropriates \$12,518,143. These annual amounts will be sufficient for the Senate to maintain the level of services and activities delivered in FY 2015, largely the payroll costs and obligations associated with 33 Senate members, 110 or more full-time staff, and up to 60 or more part-time pages. The remainder will be allocated, in rough order of magnitude, for maintenance and supplies, equipment purchases, and purchased personal services.

Section 385.10 of the budget bill 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 2015 to FY 2016, and similarly, from FY 2016 to FY 2017.

Senate Reimbursement (ISA line item 020602)

This 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 restricted to paying for operating expenses of the Senate. For this purpose, the budget appropriates \$425,800 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017, most of which will be allocated to cover supplies and maintenance expenses.

Miscellaneous Sales (ISA line item 020601)

This line item is funded by money collected by the Office of the Clerk of the Senate from the sale of flags, insignia, seals, frames for resolutions, and similar items. The money is restricted to paying for the costs of procuring these items for resale. The budget enacts an appropriation of \$34,497 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017. Any costs of procuring these items in excess of the money available through this ISA revenue stream is 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 2016 - FY 2017 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

			FY 2014	FY 2015	Appropriation FY 2016	FY 2015 to FY 2016 % Change	Appropriation FY 2017	FY 2016 to FY 2017 % Change
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: As Enacted					
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GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	\$ 11,024,228	\$ 11,100,536	\$ 12,518,143	12.77%	\$ 12,518,143	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 11,024,228	\$ 11,100,536	\$ 12,518,143	12.77%	\$ 12,518,143	0.00%
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	\$ 128,210	\$ 395,570	\$ 425,800	7.64%	\$ 425,800	0.00%
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$ 16,437	\$ 22,422	\$ 34,497	53.85%	\$ 34,497	0.00%
Internal Service Activity Fund Group Total			\$ 144,646	\$ 417,992	\$ 460,297	10.12%	\$ 460,297	0.00%
Senate Total			\$ 11,168,874	\$ 11,518,528	\$ 12,978,440	12.67%	\$ 12,978,440	0.00%