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Note: The estimated General Revenue Fund (GRF) spending for FY 2003 used in this LSC Redbook reflects the 2.5% reduction made as a result of the Governor's January 22, 2003 budget cut order. The executive reduction was applied across-the-board to FY 2003 GRF appropriations, subject to certain exceptions. Subsequent to such reductions (and not reflected in the Redbook), state agencies were permitted to reallocate the amount that each of their GRF appropriation line items was reduced, while still absorbing the 2.5% budget cut within the total amount of their GRF appropriations.

House of Representatives

- The House is 93% GRF funded
- Funding in FY 2004 is 5.0% above FY 2003; FY 2005 is 5.0% above FY 2004

OVERVIEW

The Ohio Constitution grants the House of Representatives, in conjunction with the Ohio Senate, the authority to enact the laws of the state. The House considers both bills and resolutions. Bills are introduced to enact new laws or to amend or repeal existing laws. Resolutions serve as formal expressions of the opinions and wishes of the legislature, and do not require approval by the Governor. Ohio's House of Representatives is divided into 99 legislative districts, each serving a population of approximately 115,000 persons. Each Representative of the House retains his or her own personal staff, typically consisting of an administrative aide, and for certain members, an additional legislative aide.

The budget for the House of Representatives contains three appropriation line items. The General Revenue Fund line item provides approximately 93% of the House's total budget, the majority of which is directed toward payroll and benefit expenses for legislators and their staffs. The two remaining accounts are General Service Fund line items. One account is used for reimbursement payments for various expenses, and the other collects revenue from the sale of flags, insignia, seals, and other similar items.

The total funding request for FY 2004 is \$20,406,112, a 5.0% increase over projected FY 2003 spending. The request for FY 2005 is \$21,426,416, a 5.0% increase over FY 2004 appropriations.

Under section 107.03 of the Revised Code, “no alterations shall be made in the [budget] requests for the legislative and judicial branches of the state filed with the director of budget and management...” In accordance with Ohio law, the Governor made no alterations to the budget request submitted by the House of Representatives.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

The following chart illustrates the House of Representatives' total staffing levels between FYs 2000 and 2005, with the numbers for 2004 and 2005 being estimates.

House of Representatives						
Category	2000	2001	2002	2003	Estimated	
					2004	2005
Members	99	99	99	99	99	99
Administrative Staff*	254	254	234	234	234	234
Totals	353	353	333	333	333	333

Source: House of Representatives

*Administrative Staff includes full-time and part-time staff.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW SECTION

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the agency's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium.

There are no permanent or temporary law provisions that affect the House of Representatives.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

In accordance with section 107.03(B) of the Revised Code, the Governor made no alterations to the budget submitted by the House of Representatives. Total appropriations are \$20,406,112 in FY 2004 and \$21,426,416 in FY 2005.

General Revenue Fund

GRF 025-321 Operating Expenses

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$17,112,986	\$17,571,805	\$17,697,267	\$18,112,901	\$19,018,547	\$19,969,473
	2.7%	0.7%	2.3%	5.0%	5.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Ohio Constitution

Purpose: This line item funds the operations of the House of Representatives.

General Services Fund Group

103 025-601 House Reimbursement

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$595,737	\$99,922	\$1,164,729	\$1,287,500	\$1,351,875	\$1,419,469
	-83.2%	1065.6%	10.5%	5.0%	5.0%

Source: GSF: Refunds from the Department of Administrative Services for overpayment of medical insurance premiums for state representatives; amounts received for salvage and recycling of equipment, materials, and supplies; and payments from members and employees for incidental use of equipment or facilities

Legal Basis: ORC 101.272(A)

Purpose: This fund is used to pay operating expenses of the House.

4A4 025-602 Miscellaneous Sales

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$19,349	\$23,080	\$26,244	\$33,990	\$35,690	\$37,474
	19.3%	13.7%	29.5%	5.0%	5.0%

Source: GSF: Moneys collected by the Executive Secretary of the House from the sale of flags, insignia, seals, frames for resolutions, and similar items

Legal Basis: ORC 101.69 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 111 of the 118th G.A.)

Purpose: Moneys credited to the fund may be used solely to pay for the costs of procuring such items.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2004 - FY 2005

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>Estimated 2003</i>	<i>As Introduced 2004</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2004</i>	<i>% Change Est. 2003 to House 2004</i>	<i>As Introduced 2005</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2005</i>	<i>% Change House 2004 to House 2005</i>
REP House of Representatives									
GRF	025-321	Operating Expenses	\$18,112,901	\$ 19,018,547	\$ 19,018,547	5.0%	\$ 19,969,473	\$ 19,969,473	5.0%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 18,112,901	\$ 19,018,547	\$ 19,018,547	5.0%	\$ 19,969,473	\$ 19,969,473	5.0%
103	025-601	House Reimbursement	\$1,287,500	\$ 1,351,875	\$ 1,351,875	5.0%	\$ 1,419,469	\$ 1,419,469	5.0%
4A4	025-602	Miscellaneous Sales	\$33,990	\$ 35,690	\$ 35,690	5.0%	\$ 37,474	\$ 37,474	5.0%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 1,321,490	\$ 1,387,565	\$ 1,387,565	5.0%	\$ 1,456,943	\$ 1,456,943	5.0%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 19,434,391	\$ 20,406,112	\$ 20,406,112	5.0%	\$ 21,426,416	\$ 21,426,416	5.0%