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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.

Ohio Senate

- Continuation budget
- 5% increase over estimated FY 2003 expenditures

OVERVIEW

The role of the Senate, in conjunction with the Ohio House of Representatives, is to enact the laws of the state, the authority of which is provided in the Ohio Constitution. The Senate considers bills that may alter or create state law, as well as resolutions, which are formal expressions of the wishes and opinions of the Senate.

The Senate's budget contains three accounts, all of which support its operating expenses. The GRF constitutes 96% of the Senate's total budget. Senate spending is typically dominated by the need to cover personal services expenses for legislators and their staff.

In FY 2004, the Senate will receive a 5% increase over estimated FY 2003 expenditures of \$10,802,919. In FY 2005, the Senate will receive a 5% increase over FY 2004 appropriations amounts.

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

The Ohio Senate

Purpose: To enact the laws of the State of Ohio

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this program series, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2004	FY 2005
GRF	020-321	Operating Expenses	\$10,887,655	\$11,432,037
102	020-602	Senate Reimbursement	\$422,881	\$444,025
409	020-601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$32,529	\$34,155
Total funding: The Ohio Senate			\$ 11,343,065	\$11,910,217

Ohio Senate

Program Description: The Ohio Senate was established in 1802 and derives its authority from both Article II of the Ohio Constitution and Chapter 101. of the Revised Code. Serving the citizens of the state, the role of the Ohio Senate is to enact Ohio laws. The Senate considers bills, which may alter existing law or create new law and resolutions, which are formal expressions of the wishes and opinions of the Senate. The Senate must also confirm members of state boards and commissions appointed by the Governor, the Attorney General, the Director of Workers' Compensation, and other agency heads whom the Governor is authorized to appoint.

Each member of the Senate is elected for a four-year term from one of the state's 33 Senate districts. Each member of the Senate is assigned to at least one of the 16 standing committees and may also be assigned to a non-standing temporary committee, a select committee, a joint-select committee, or a conference committee. In addition, members may also be appointed to serve on the Joint Commission on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), which has the power to review and invalidate agency rules.

Funding Source: GRF, sale of flags and other items to the general public, moneys from salvage and recycling of equipment, materials, and supplies, and miscellaneous reimbursements, such as those received for overpayment of medical insurance.

Line Items: GRF 020-321, Operating Expenses; Fund 102 020-602, Senate Reimbursement; Fund 409 020-601, Miscellaneous Sales

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Senate will just be able to meet its obligations at the level of funding provided.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Senate Staffing Levels						
The Ohio Senate	2000	2001	2002	2003	<i>Estimated</i>	
					2004	2005
Full-time Staff	125	125	125	125	125	125
Part-time – Constituent Aides	25	25	5	5	5	5
Part-time – Pages	50	50	40	40	40	40
Members	33	33	33	33	33	33

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

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 with fiscal effects on the Senate.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

As required by Section 107.03(B) of the Revised Code, the Governor has made no alterations to the funding requests of agencies of the legislative branch of government. Recommended amounts are as requested by the agency.

General Revenue Fund

GRF 020-321 Operating Expenses

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$9,805,687	\$9,560,699	\$11,348,652	\$10,369,195	\$10,887,655	\$11,432,037
	-2.5%	18.7%	-8.6%	5.0%	5.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Ohio Constitution, Article II, section 1

Purpose: This line item funds the operations of the Senate.

General Services Fund Group

102 020-602 Senate Reimbursement

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$0	\$0	\$2,743	\$402,744	\$422,881	\$444,025
	N/A	N/A	14582.6%	5.0%	5.0%

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

Legal Basis: ORC 101.272 (originally established by Am. Sub. S.B. 336 of the 118th G.A.)

Purpose: The fund is used to pay the operating expenses of the Senate. Since the cost of in-term compensation increases are prohibited under the state's Constitution, benefits paid by the state cannot be increased during terms of office.

409 020-601 Miscellaneous Sales

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$6,150	\$6,648	\$4,100	\$30,980	\$32,529	\$34,155
	8.1%	-38.3%	655.6%	5.0%	5.0%

Source: GSF: Money generated by the sale of flags, insignia, seals, frames for resolutions, and similar items to the general public

Legal Basis: ORC 101.69 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 1237 of the 113th G.A.)

Purpose: Money in this line item is spent to purchase the items that subsequently are sold.

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

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	Estimated 2003	<i>As</i> <i>Introduced</i> 2004	<i>House</i> <i>Sub Bill</i> 2004	<i>% Change</i> <i>Est. 2003 to</i> <i>House 2004</i>	<i>As</i> <i>Introduced</i> 2005	<i>House</i> <i>Sub Bill</i> 2005	<i>% Change</i> <i>House 2004 to</i> <i>House 2005</i>
<i>SEN Senate</i>									
GRF	020-321	Operating Expenses	\$10,369,195	\$ 10,887,655	\$ 10,887,655	5.0%	\$ 11,432,037	\$ 11,432,037	5.0%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 10,369,195	\$ 10,887,655	\$ 10,887,655	5.0%	\$ 11,432,037	\$ 11,432,037	5.0%
102	020-602	Senate Reimbursement	\$402,744	\$ 422,881	\$ 422,881	5.0%	\$ 444,025	\$ 444,025	5.0%
409	020-601	Miscellaneous Sales	\$30,980	\$ 32,529	\$ 32,529	5.0%	\$ 34,155	\$ 34,155	5.0%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 433,724	\$ 455,410	\$ 455,410	5.0%	\$ 478,180	\$ 478,180	5.0%
<i>Total All Budget Fund Groups</i>			\$ 10,802,919	\$ 11,343,065	\$ 11,343,065	5.0%	\$ 11,910,217	\$ 11,910,217	5.0%