

Greenbook
LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget
Ohio House of Representatives

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Quick look...

- The 99-member Ohio House of Representatives, in conjunction with the Ohio Senate, enacts laws to provide for the operation of government and promote the peace, health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- Members are assisted by approximately 160 administrative employees and 75 pages.
- The budget provides \$27.4 million in funding each fiscal year over the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium.
 - 94.6% of the House of Representatives' budget over the biennium comes from the GRF.

Fund Group	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
General Revenue	\$21,595,856	\$21,824,459	\$25,917,274	\$25,917,274
Internal Service Activity	\$132,069	\$185,138	\$1,483,664	\$1,483,664
Total	\$21,727,925	\$22,009,597	\$27,400,938	\$27,400,938
% change	--	1.3%	24.5%	0.0%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>18.8%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>

Overview

The legislative branch of the state of Ohio consists of the bicameral General Assembly: the 99-member House of Representatives and the 33-member Senate. Article II of the Ohio Constitution bestows the General Assembly with the power to enact laws (1) governing the operation of state government in Ohio, (2) promoting the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, and (3) authorizing taxes for certain purposes. Members of the House of Representatives are elected every even-numbered year and cannot hold office for longer than four successive two-year terms. In addition to the members, the House of Representatives employs an administrative staff numbering approximately 160 and a cohort of 75 pages.

Analysis of FY 2020-FY 2021 budget

The budget of the House of Representatives is almost entirely supported by GRF funding, with approximately \$51.8 million (94.6%) of total funding for the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium coming from that source. The remaining amount of approximately \$1.5 million (5.4%) in each fiscal year is funded by the proceeds of various reimbursements, salvaged and recycled equipment and supplies, and sales of flags, insignias, and other such items.

H.B. 166 contains two provisions involving the work of the House of Representatives. One provision re-establishes a legislative committee, while a second provision makes changes affecting the membership of a legislative task force. Neither of these provisions has a fiscal impact on the House of Representatives.

First, the budget re-establishes the Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures which had dissolved in 2017. The Committee is to consist of members from various public health and government associations as well as two members appointed by each of the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the House Representatives and two members appointed by each of the President and Minority Leader of the Senate. The role of the Committee is to review the effectiveness of recommendations of previous reports that have been or are being implemented, and, based on this information, make legislative and fiscal policy recommendations to improve local public health services. The Committee must produce its report by December 31, 2020, at which point it once again dissolves. The Director of Health is to support the work of the Committee by offering office space and professional, technical, and clerical assistance.

The budget also makes changes affecting appointees to the Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force, none of which has any fiscal effect on the operations of the House of Representatives. The first of these changes requires the appointment of members to the Task Force to occur within 45 days following the first regular session of each General Assembly. The second change eliminates the limitation that the chairperson of the Task Force may only serve as chairperson for one year. The third change is to specify that a member of the Task Force who is also a member of the General Assembly serves as a member of the Task Force until no longer a member of the General Assembly.

Below is a detailed discussion of the budget for the House of Representatives on a line item by line item basis.

Operating Expenses (ALI 025321)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
GRF ALI 025321, Operating Expenses					
\$20,718,730	\$20,676,938	\$21,595,856	\$21,824,459	\$25,917,274	\$25,917,274
% change	-0.2%	4.4%	1.1%	18.8%	0.0%

This line item is used mainly to cover the payroll costs and obligations associated with 99 House members, 161 full-time administrative staff, and 75 part-time pages. The budget contains a temporary law provision, continued from previous budgets, requiring the Director of Budget and Management, at the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House, to transfer all, or a portion of, the House's unexpended, unencumbered GRF appropriation from FY 2019 to FY 2020, and similarly, from FY 2020 to FY 2021.

House of Representatives Reimbursement (ALI 025601)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
Fund 1030 ALI 025601, House of Representatives Reimbursement					
\$287,678	\$631,505	\$97,391	\$155,698	\$1,433,664	\$1,433,664
% change	119.5%	-84.6%	59.9%	820.8%	0.0%

This line item is funded through miscellaneous reimbursements, such as refunds from the Department of Administrative Services for overpayments of medical insurance premiums for representatives; amounts received for the salvage and recycling of equipment, materials, and supplies; and payments from members and staff for the use of House equipment or facilities. The budget for the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium contains a temporary law provision, as it has done in previous biennia, increasing the line item's appropriation if the Chief Administrative Officer of the House determines that additional amounts are necessary.

Miscellaneous Sales (ALI 025602)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
Fund 4A40 ALI 025602, Miscellaneous Sales					
\$25,267	\$33,890	\$34,678	\$29,440	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	34.1%	2.3%	-15.1%	69.8%	0.0%

This line item is funded by money collected from the sale of flags, insignia, seals, frames for resolutions, and similar items. These proceeds are then used to pay the costs of procuring these items for resale.