

Greenbook

LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Office of Inspector General

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Quick look...

- The Inspector General’s Office examines, investigates, and makes recommendations concerning alleged wrongful acts and omissions within the executive branch of state government.
- Biennial appropriation of \$4.5 million: \$2.2 million in FY 2022 and \$2.3 million in FY 2023.
- Funding sources: GRF (63%) and state non-GRF (37%).

Fund Group	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation
General Revenue (GRF)	\$1,327,954	\$1,333,238	\$1,403,910	\$1,437,000
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$793,513	\$769,892	\$825,000	\$825,000
Total	\$2,121,468	\$2,103,130	\$2,228,910	\$2,262,000
% change	--	-1.0%	6.0%	1.5%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	0.4%	5.3%	2.4%

Agency overview

The Office of the Inspector General investigates fraud, waste, abuse, corruption, and conflict of interest within the executive branch of state government and, as appropriate, issues a report with recommendations. The jurisdiction of the Inspector General includes the Governor (and staff), state agencies, departments, boards, commissions, and any other entities appointed, employed, controlled, directed, or subject to the authority of the Governor. Specifically excluded from the Inspector General’s jurisdiction are the Ohio General Assembly; Ohio courts; the offices of Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General, their staff and employees; and state community colleges.

Over the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium, the Inspector General’s staff averaged 14 full-time employees and one part-time employee. The FY 2022-FY 2023 budget appropriates funding that will more or less support a similar staffing level. The staff is organized into three areas or divisions: (1) Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, (2) Ohio Department of Transportation, and (3) General. The first two divisions include statutorily designated deputy inspectors general; the third investigates all other cases and handles daily operations.

Analysis of FY 2022-FY 2023 budget

Overview

For the Inspector General, the budget appropriates \$2.2 million in FY 2022 and \$2.3 million in FY 2023. The GRF provides 63%, or \$2.8 million, of the Inspector General’s biennial funding. The remainder, 37%, or \$1.7 million, will come from cash transfers to funds that support two statutorily designated deputy inspector generals.

Line items

This section provides a more detailed discussion of the appropriations that finance the Inspector General's duties and responsibilities.

Operating Expenses (ALI 965321)

FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation
GRF ALI 965321, Operating Expenses					
\$1,329,305	\$1,315,111	\$1,327,954	\$1,333,238	\$1,403,910	\$1,437,000
% change	-1.1%	1.0%	0.4%	5.3%	2.4%

This GRF line item pays for operating costs of the General Division of the Inspector General. This means costs not directly attributable to the work of the statutorily designated deputy inspectors general for Workers' Compensation and Transportation. Approximately 80% of the line item's appropriation is typically allocated for personal services, and the remainder primarily for supplies and maintenance.

Deputy Inspector General for ODOT (ALI 965603)

FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation
ISA 5FA0 ALI 965603, Deputy Inspector General for ODOT					
\$386,112	\$384,464	\$388,926	\$375,553	\$400,000	\$400,000
% change	-0.4%	1.2%	-3.4%	6.5%	0.0%

This line item pays for the operating expenses associated with the statutorily designated Deputy Inspector General for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Over 90% of the line item's appropriation is typically allocated for personal services, and the remainder primarily for supplies and maintenance.

This Deputy Inspector General is responsible for: (1) investigating wrongful acts or omissions by ODOT employees and (2) conducting a program of random review of the processing of contracts associated with building and maintaining the state's infrastructure. The appropriation is supported by cash transfers totaling \$400,000 in each fiscal year from the Department of Transportation's budget to the Deputy Inspector for the ODOT Fund (Fund 5FA0).

The cash transfers are authorized in H.B. 74, the transportation and public safety budget act for the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium. Section 203.60 of that act requires the Director of Budget and Management (OBM) to make transfers, on January 1 and July 1 of each year, from the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to the Deputy Inspector General for the ODOT Fund (Fund 5FA0). If additional amounts are needed, the Inspector General is permitted, with the consent of the Director of OBM, to request Controlling Board approval for additional cash transfers and to increase the appropriation. The appropriation for this purpose has remained at \$400,000 annually since Fund 5FA0 was created in 2007.

Deputy Inspector General for BWC/OIC (ALI 965604)

FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation
ISA 5FT0 ALI 965604, Deputy Inspector General for BWC/OIC					
\$403,047	\$403,508	\$404,587	\$394,339	\$425,000	\$425,000
% change	0.1%	0.3%	-2.5%	7.8%	0.0%

This line item pays for the operating expenses associated with the statutorily designated Deputy Inspector General for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) and the Ohio Industrial Commission (OIC). This Deputy Inspector General is responsible for investigating wrongful acts or omissions that have been committed by, or are being committed by, officers or employees of BWC or OIC.

The appropriation for this purpose fully funds the Inspector General's request. Over 90% of the line item's appropriation is typically allocated for personal services (wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and payroll check off charges), and the remainder primarily for supplies and maintenance.

This appropriation is supported by a temporary law provision that requires the Director of OBM to transfer \$425,000 annually from the Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 7023) to the Deputy Inspector General for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and Industrial Commission Fund (Fund 5FT0). If additional amounts are needed, the Inspector General is permitted to request Controlling Board approval for additional cash transfers. That provision is in Section 2 of H.B. 75, the workers' compensation budget for the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium.