

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

Ohio Senate

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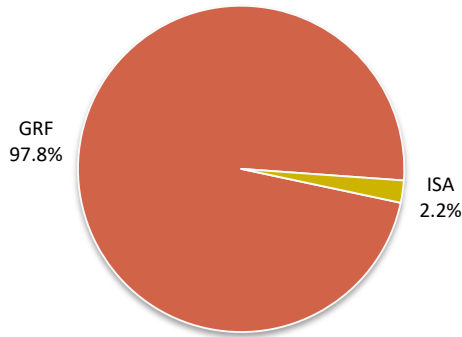
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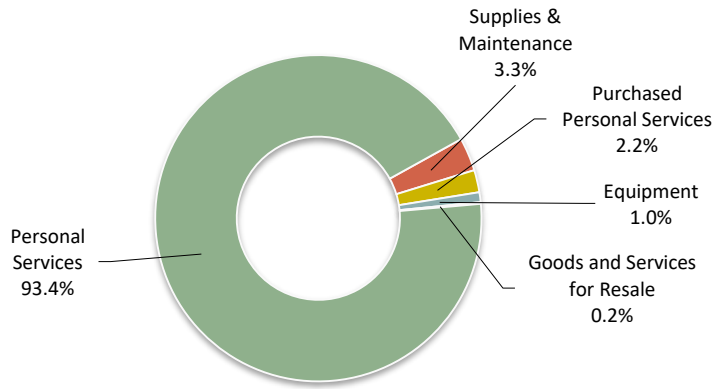
- The Ohio Senate, in conjunction with the Ohio House of Representatives, enacts the laws of the state, subject to the approval of the Governor.
- As a legislative agency, the Senate’s requested appropriations were not changed in the executive budget, which appropriates \$20.5 million in each year of the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium.
 - Primarily funded by the GRF (98%).
 - Member and staff payroll (personal services) is the largest spending area (93%).

Fund Group	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
General Revenue Fund (GRF)	\$14,509,901	\$25,209,179	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$16,557	\$460,297	\$460,297	\$460,297
Total	\$14,526,458	\$25,669,476	\$20,460,297	\$20,460,297
% change	--	76.7%	-20.3%	0.0%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	<i>73.7%</i>	<i>-20.7%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>

**Chart 1: SEN Budget by Fund Group
FY 2024-FY 2025 Biennium**



**Chart 2: SEN Budget by Expense Category
FY 2024-FY 2025 Biennium**



Biennial total: \$40.9 million

Agency overview

The legislative branch of the state of Ohio includes the General Assembly, which is composed of two chambers: the House of Representatives and the Senate. Based on Article II of the Ohio Constitution, the General Assembly has 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. In terms of more specific legislative duties and responsibilities, the Senate:

- Enacts, in conjunction with the House of Representatives, new laws or amends or repeals existing laws;
- Adopts, in conjunction with the House of Representatives, joint, concurrent, and simple resolutions that generally are formal expressions of the opinions and wishes of the General Assembly and do not require approval of the Governor;
- Confirms members of state boards and commissions appointed by the Governor, the Attorney General, the Director of the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, and certain other agency heads who the Governor is authorized to appoint;
- Judges the election, returns, and qualifications of its members; and
- Conducts the trial should any impeachment proceedings be brought forth by the House of Representatives against the Governor, other executive officers, and state judges.

Members of the 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. The 33 members of the Senate are supported by approximately 100 full-time equivalent staff. As of February 2023, the Senate also employs approximately 35 part-time pages, however, that number is variable and fluctuates throughout the year based on need.

Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget proposal

R.C. 107.03(D) states that “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” Therefore, the Governor has made no alterations to the budget request submitted by the Senate.

Operating Expenses (ALI 020321)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
GRF ALI 020321, Operating Expenses					
\$13,519,012	\$13,017,278	\$14,509,901	\$25,209,179	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
% change	-3.7%	11.5%	73.7%	-20.7%	0.0%

This line item is used to pay the Senate’s operating expenses, primarily compensation for the members of the Senate and their staff.

The executive budget contains a temporary law provision permitting the Clerk of the Senate to certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of this line item at the end of each fiscal year to be reappropriated for the following fiscal year.

Senate Reimbursement (ALI 020602)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
Fund 1020 ALI 020602, Senate Reimbursement					
\$58,989	\$0	\$0	\$425,800	\$425,800	\$425,800
% change	-100%	--	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item is used to pay operating expenses of the Senate. It is funded by miscellaneous reimbursements: (1) refunds from the Department of Administrative Services for overpayment of medical insurance premiums for state senators, (2) amounts received for the salvage and recycling of equipment, materials, and supplies, and (3) payments from members and staff for incidental use of equipment or facilities.

Miscellaneous Sales (ALI 020601)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
Fund 4090 ALI 020601, Miscellaneous Sales					
\$30,099	\$16,850	\$16,557	\$34,497	\$34,497	\$34,497
% change	-44.0%	-1.7%	108.4%	0.0%	0.0%

This line item is used to procure items for sale, such as flags, insignia, seals, and frames for resolutions. Proceeds from the sale of those items are credited back to Fund 4090 and used to fund this line item.