

- Commission continues to issue decisions within the 45-day goal (currently 14 days)
- \$27,700 earmarked in FY 2004 and \$4,500 earmarked in FY 2005 for computer equipment

Liquor Control Commission

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ROLE

The Liquor Control Commission (LCO) is a rule-making and adjudication agency that oversees the alcohol beverage industry in Ohio. Its mission is to ensure compliance with Ohio's liquor laws and regulations. The Commission works jointly with the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, and the Department of Public Safety. The Commission's activities include: (1) making and interpreting rules regarding liquor production, sales, and advertising, etc, (2) hearing and ruling on cases regarding violations of liquor laws that could result in the suspension or revocation of a liquor permit, (3) hearing and ruling on appeals of decisions of the Division of Liquor Control concerning liquor permit renewals and distribution, and (4) hearing and ruling on appeals of liquor permit revocations and of permit non-renewals due to tax delinquency.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
9	\$779,886	\$794,387	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 95


*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

OVERVIEW

The Liquor Control Commission's (LCO) budget is solely funded through the Liquor Control Fund (Fund 043) revenue, which is primarily generated through wholesale and retail spirituous liquor sales. The FY 2004 appropriation is \$779,886, or 8.07% above actual FY 2003 expenditures of \$721,639. The FY 2005 appropriation is \$794,387, or 1.86% higher, than FY 2004.

BUDGET ISSUES

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT EARMARK

In FY 2002, the Commission heard over 3,000 cases. These hearings are extremely paper intensive and computer usage can and does allow the Commission to handle paper intensive tasks effectively and efficiently. In addition, the Commission shares many electronic data files with its partner agencies (Commerce's Division of Liquor Control, the Department of Public Safety, and the Attorney General). The existing Mac computers the Commission uses now make this difficult. Therefore, the earmarked funds, \$27,7000 in FY 2004 and \$4,500 in FY 2005, will be used to purchase computer equipment. The Commission plans to purchase six Dell computer systems with Office Professional, six Filemaker Pro upgrades for the new personal computers, and one new printer. 

FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Group

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003:</i>	<i>FY 2004 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2003 to 2004:</i>	<i>FY 2005 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2004 to 2005:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill		Version: Enacted					
LCO Liquor Control Commission							
043 970-321 Operating Expenses	\$ 569,778	\$ 652,156	\$721,639	\$ 779,886	8.07%	\$ 794,387	1.86%
Liquor Control Fund Group Total	\$ 569,778	\$ 652,156	\$ 721,639	\$ 779,886	8.07%	\$ 794,387	1.86%
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