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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget
Casino Control Commission

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Quick look...

- The Ohio Casino Control Commission (CAC) oversees four casinos and casino gaming in Ohio.
- CAC receives no GRF funding; funding is largely from a 3% share of the gross casino revenue tax.
- In FY 2019, a total of \$8.06 billion was wagered at slots and table games, producing adjusted gross revenues of \$845 million at Ohio's four casinos.
- Casino tax revenue is distributed among state agencies and political subdivisions; from FY 2012 through FY 2018, approximately \$1.6 billion in revenue has been distributed from the gross casino tax.
- Disposition of casino tax revenues is codified in Article XV of the Ohio Constitution.
- CAC is led by seven commissioners appointed by the Governor.

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
Fund 5HS0 ALI 955321, Operating Expenses						
	\$9,842,762	\$11,173,059	\$11,456,162	\$12,324,499	\$13,180,629	\$13,673,127
% change		13.5%	2.5%	7.6%	6.9%	3.7%
Fund 5KT0 ALI 955501, Racetrack Host Supplement						
	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change		0.0%	--	--	--	--
Fund 5NU0 ALI 955601, Casino Commission Enforcement						
	\$14,835	\$4,890	\$36,382	\$7,829	\$250,000	\$250,000
% change		-67.0%	644.0%	-78.5%	3,093.3%	0.0%
Total funding						
	\$11,357,596	\$12,677,949	\$11,492,544	\$12,332,328	\$13,430,629	\$13,923,127
% change		11.6%	-9.4%	7.3%	8.9%	3.7%

Agency overview

The Ohio Casino Control Commission (CAC) was established in 2011 for oversight of the casino industry. The Commission establishes standards and procedures for casino operators, vendors, and their employees. CAC licenses and regulates all persons participating in casino gaming, as well as investigates gaming crime.

Analysis of FY 2020-FY 2021 appropriations

The enacted budget appropriates \$13.4 million in FY 2020 and \$13.9 million in FY 2021, a total of \$27.3 million for the biennium. These appropriations would increase CAC funding by \$3.5 million (14.8%) over actual expenditures during FY 2018-FY 2019.

Operating expenses

This line item funds expenses directly required for general operations of the Commission. Fund 5HS0 is supported primarily by CAC's share of the gross casino revenue tax, and also receives funding from fees and license applications levied by the Commission. The appropriation for FY 2020 is \$13.2 million, a 6.9% increase over actual FY 2019 spending for this line item. H.B. 166 appropriates an increase of \$0.5 million for FY 2021 relative to FY 2020 proposed spending in this expense category. Increases are attributable to an expected rise in personal services spending arising from recent requirements on the agency, such as fantasy contest regulation, as well as operating costs attributable to ongoing enforcement of gaming laws in the state.

CAC enforcement

This line item provides funds for the Ohio Casino Control Commission's Division of Enforcement. The moneys primarily go to pay for the supplies and equipment of gaming agents. Fund 5NU0 is funded by CAC's collection of fines, forfeited bail, and seized property. Actual spending in FY 2019 was \$7,829. The enacted budget provides for appropriations of \$250,000 each in FY 2020 and FY 2021, which are large increases relative to FY 2019 spending.