

Greenbook
LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget
Ohio Senate

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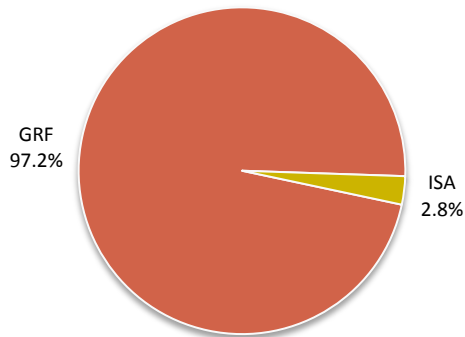
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Quick look...

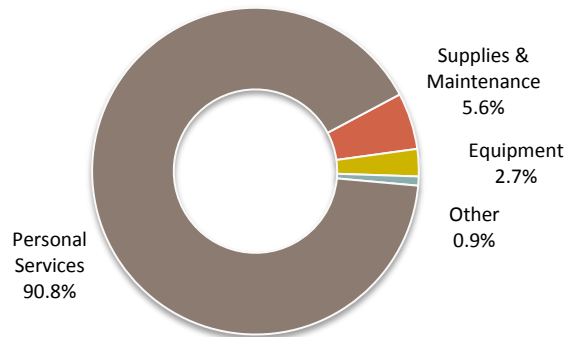
- The Ohio Senate, in conjunction with the Ohio House of Representatives, enacts the laws of the state, subject to the approval of the Governor.
- The FY 2020-FY 2021 budget supports the maintenance of FY 2019 staffing and service levels.
- The Senate’s budget is primarily funded by the GRF (97%).
 - Member and staff payroll (personal services) is the largest spending area, accounting for 91% of the Senate’s total expenses.

Fund Group	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
General Revenue Fund (GRF)	\$12,144,616	\$12,602,153	\$15,902,029	\$15,902,029
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$73,820	\$25,793	\$460,297	\$460,297
Total	\$12,218,435	\$12,627,946	\$16,362,326	\$16,362,326
% change	--	3.4%	29.6%	0.0%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	3.8%	26.2%	0.0%

**Chart 1: Senate Budget by Fund Group
FY 2020-FY 2021 Biennium**



**Chart 2: Senate Budget by Expense Category
FY 2020-FY 2021 Biennium**



Biennial total: \$32.7 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.

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 114 full-time equivalent staff and 60 part-time pages.

Analysis of FY 2020-FY 2021 budget

Operating Expenses (ALI 020321)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
GRF ALI 020321, Operating Expenses					
\$11,413,360	\$11,482,185	\$12,144,616	\$12,602,153	\$15,902,029	\$15,902,029
% change	0.6%	5.8%	3.8%	26.2%	0.0%

This line item is used to pay operating expenses of the Senate, primarily compensation for the members of the Senate and their staff. For the biennium, 93.4%, or \$14.9 million, of the line item in each fiscal year is expected to be allocated for personal services (salaries and wages, supplements, fringe benefits, and payroll checkoff charges). The remainder is expected to be allocated, in order of magnitude, for maintenance and supplies (4.4%), equipment purchases (1.6%), and purchased personal services (0.6%).

Related temporary law

The 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 the line item at the end of FY 2019 to be reappropriated to FY 2020, and reappropriates that amount to the same line item for FY 2020. The Clerk is also permitted to use the same certification process to reappropriate an amount in the line item from FY 2020 to FY 2021.

Senate Reimbursement (ALI 020602)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
ISA Fund 1020 ALI 020602, Senate Reimbursement					
\$235,591	\$143,250	\$48,502	\$0	\$425,800	\$425,800
% change	-39.2%	-66.1%	-100.0%	N/A	0.0%

This line item is funded through 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. The money is restricted to paying for operating expenses of the Senate.

Miscellaneous Sales (ALI 020601)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
ISA Fund 4090 ALI 020601, Miscellaneous Sales					
\$12,583	\$21,772	\$25,318	\$25,793	\$34,497	\$34,497
% change	73.0%	16.3%	1.9%	33.8%	0.0%

This line item is funded by money collected by the Office of the Clerk of the Senate for the sale of flags, insignia, seals, frames for resolutions, and similar items. The money is restricted to paying for the costs of procuring these items for resale. Any cost of procuring these items in excess of the money available through this ISA revenue stream is required to be paid out of GRF line item 020321, Operating Expenses.