

Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

- The Commission's staff will decrease to two FTEs in FYs 2006 and 2007 to remain within the enacted funding level

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OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs was created in 1977 as the Ohio Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs. Its statutory purpose, among others, is to advise the Governor, General Assembly, and state agencies on policies focusing on the special problems and needs of Spanish-speaking people. It also serves to assure that Spanish-speaking people have access to decision makers in state and local government. The Commission is made up of an 11-member board. The Revised Code requires all members of the board to have the ability to speak Spanish and to be of Spanish-speaking origin. The 2000 United States Census indicates that there are 217,213 Hispanics in Ohio. That represents 1.9% of Ohio's population. Based on prior population growth, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the Hispanic population in Ohio grew by more than 15,000 (a 7% increase) between 2000 and 2003. Nationally, population projections indicate that the Hispanic population could grow by 188% by 2050.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
2.5*	\$201,781	\$201,781	\$181,781	\$181,701	Am. Sub. H.B. 66

*Employee count obtained from the Commission in August 2005. The Commission supports the stipends of an 11-member board and the salaries of 2 full-time employees (a director and a secretary) and a part-time acting liaison officer.

Vetoed Provisions

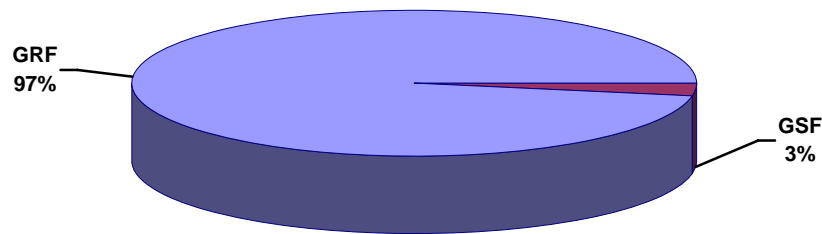
There were no vetoed provisions for the Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs.

Budget Issues

The budget for the Commission, as enacted in Am. Sub. H.B. 66, is \$201,781 in both FY 2006 and FY 2007, a 1.5% increase from FY 2005. A 3.2% increase in the Personal Services appropriation item is somewhat offset by a 2.6% decrease in the Maintenance appropriation item and a 3.0% decrease in the Gifts and Miscellaneous appropriation item.

As in prior years, funds for the Commission's staff, GRF appropriation item 148-100, Personal Services, will be insufficient to support more than 2 full-time employees and stipends for the 11-member board. Controlling Board actions in FYs 2004 and 2005 enabled the Commission to contract with a part-time Legislative Liaison. That employee has since left the Commission and will not be replaced.

Total Budget by Fund Group
FY 2006-2007 Biennium



ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

For budget purposes, as detailed below, the Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs is considered a single program series agency and its activities are not subdivided into separate programs.

Program Series 1

Hispanic/Latino Affairs

Purpose: To gather information on the needs of the Hispanic/Latino community and advise policy makers on those needs.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Hispanic-Latino Affairs program series, as well as the enacted funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	148-100	Personal Services	\$145,880	\$145,880
GRF	148-200	Maintenance	\$35,901	\$35,901
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$181,781	\$181,781
General Services Fund				
601	148-602	Gifts & Miscellaneous	\$20,000	\$20,000
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$20,000	\$20,000
Total Funding: Hispanic Latino Affairs			\$201,781	\$201,781

This analysis focuses on the following specific programs within the Hispanic-Latino Affairs program series:

- **Program 1.01: Latino Community Network**
- **Program 1.02: Public Policy Center**

Program 1.01: Latino Community Network

Program Description: The Latino Community Network supports the Commission mandate to gather and disseminate information about the Latino communities of Ohio and supports the annual Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Luncheon, among other projects.

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The enacted budget will allow the Commission to continue Latino Community Network operations at current levels. The budget includes appropriation authority of \$20,000 (Gifts & Miscellaneous appropriation item) to be funded with revenue collected from the awards luncheon and private gifts and donations. The Commission hopes to match or exceed FY 2005 revenue of \$20,000.

Program 1.02: Public Policy Center

Program Description: The Public Policy Center supports the Commission's mandate to advise public officials on the needs of the Hispanic/Latino population in Ohio.

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The enacted budget will allow the Commission to continue Public Policy Center operations, however, the funding level will be insufficient to replace a departing part-time contract employee, limiting the Center's capabilities.