

- FY 2004 appropriations decrease by 6.0% from FY 2003.

## Hispanic / Latino Affairs, Commission on

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### ROLE

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. In carrying out its duty to inform the Governor and General Assembly of special problems associated with the Spanish-speaking community, the Commission focuses on one broad issue at a time. Recently, the Commission focused on the educational needs of the Hispanic community.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
11	\$172,000	\$172,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	Am. Sub. H.B. 95


\*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003. Two of the employees are full-time. The other nine are members of the Commission and are only paid for the few days a year they are working for the Commission.

### OVERVIEW

Fiscal Year 2004 appropriations of \$171,805 for the Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs represent a 6.0% decrease from FY 2003 spending of \$182,696. Fiscal Year 2005 funding remains flat at \$171,805.

### BUDGET ISSUES

#### *LIAISON OFFICER POSITION*

At the level of funding granted the Commission in Am. Sub. H.B. 95, the Commission indicates it will be unable to fill its liaison officer position. Currently, the liaison officer also serves as the Commission's acting director. The Commission indicates that the inability to fill the liaison officer position will hinder it in carrying out its statutorily defined duties. 

**FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Group**

**Line Item Detail by Agency**

*FY 2001:*      *FY 2002:*      *FY 2003:*      **FY 2004**      *% Change*      **FY 2005**      *% Change*  
*Appropriations:*      *Appropriations:*      *Appropriations:*      *2003 to 2004:*      *Appropriations:*      *2004 to 2005:*

**Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill**

**Version: Enacted**

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GRF	148-100	Personal Services	\$ 130,044	\$ 170,956	\$137,595	\$ 127,419	-7.40%	\$ 127,419	0.00%
GRF	148-200	Maintenance	\$ 36,596	\$ 33,807	\$33,754	\$ 35,901	6.36%	\$ 35,901	0.00%
GRF	148-300	Equipment	----	\$ 18,915	\$1,797	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 166,639</b>	<b>\$ 223,678</b>	<b>\$ 173,146</b>	<b>\$ 163,320</b>	<b>-5.67%</b>	<b>\$ 163,320</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
601	148-602	Gifts & Miscellaneous	\$ 5,137	\$ 4,857	\$9,550	\$ 8,485	-11.15%	\$ 8,485	0.00%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 5,137</b>	<b>\$ 4,857</b>	<b>\$ 9,550</b>	<b>\$ 8,485</b>	<b>-11.15%</b>	<b>\$ 8,485</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Hispanic / Latino Affairs, Commission on Total</b>			<b>\$ 171,777</b>	<b>\$ 228,535</b>	<b>\$ 182,696</b>	<b>\$ 171,805</b>	<b>-5.96%</b>	<b>\$ 171,805</b>	<b>0.00%</b>