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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Casino Control Commission

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Quick look...

- The Ohio Casino Control Commission (CAC) regulates casino gaming in Ohio and enforces gaming law with regards to casinos, skill-based amusement machines, and online fantasy contests.
- CAC receives no GRF moneys; funding is largely from a 3% share of the gross casino revenue tax.
- In FY 2021, over \$9.24 billion was wagered at casinos, producing adjusted gross revenues of \$917.7 million and tax revenue of about \$302.5 million.
- Casino tax revenue is distributed among state agencies and political subdivisions; from FY 2012 through FY 2021, over \$2.3 billion in revenue was 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 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation
Fund 5HS0 ALI 955321, Operating Expenses						
	\$11,456,162	\$12,324,499	\$12,448,244	\$12,387,061	\$13,401,718	\$13,492,672
% change		7.6%	1.0%	-0.5%	8.2%	0.7%
Fund 5NU0 ALI 955601, Casino Commission Enforcement						
	\$36,382	\$7,829	\$93,928	\$96,071	\$250,000	\$250,000
% change		-78.5%	1,099.7%	2.3%	160.2%	0.0%
Total funding:						
	\$11,492,544	\$12,332,328	\$12,542,172	\$12,483,132	\$13,651,718	\$13,742,672
% change		7.3%	1.7%	-0.5%	9.4%	0.7%

Agency overview

The Ohio Casino Control Commission (CAC) was established in 2011 to provide oversight of the state's 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. In addition, CAC enforces state laws pertaining to skill-based amusement machines and manages a regulatory system for fantasy sports contests.

Analysis of FY 2022-FY 2023 budget

The enacted budget appropriates about \$13.7 million in each year of the biennium, a total of \$27.4 million. These appropriations would increase CAC funding by 9.5% over actual expenditures during the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium.

Operating Expenses (955321)

This line item funds expenses directly required for general operation of the Commission, including all administrative, licensing, and regulatory activities. The Casino Control Commission Fund (Fund 5HS0) is funded by CAC's share of the gross casino revenue tax. The appropriation for FY 2022 is \$13.4 million, an 8.2% increase from FY 2021. The FY 2023 appropriation is \$13.5 million, a 0.7% increase over FY 2022 for this expense category. The appropriations for this line item reflect anticipated increases in labor costs, supplies, and equipment, as well as operating costs attributable to ongoing enforcement of gaming laws in the state. In FY 2021, Fund 5HS0 received \$9.8 million in revenue, and its cash balance was \$10.6 million on June 30, 2021.

Casino Commission Enforcement (955601)

This line item funds specific expenses for the Casino Control Commission's Division of Enforcement. The moneys primarily go to pay for the supplies and equipment of gaming agents. The Casino Control Commission Enforcement Fund (Fund 5NU0) is provided for through CAC's collection of fines, forfeited bail, and seized property. Actual spending through this line item over the last biennium averaged about \$95,000 per year. The enacted budget provides for appropriations of \$250,000 each in FY 2022 and in FY 2023, which are large increases relative to yearly spending in the previous biennium. Fund 5NU0's cash balance was about \$345,000 at the end of FY 2021.