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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio House of Representatives

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Quick look...

- The 99-member Ohio House of Representatives, in conjunction with the Ohio Senate, enacts laws to provide for the operation of government and promote the peace, health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- The budget appropriates approximately \$36.6 million in FY 2026 and \$37.7 million in FY 2027 for operations of the Ohio House of Representatives. Almost all of the funding is from the GRF.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
General Revenue	\$28,122,454	\$29,809,669	\$35,100,000	\$36,210,000
Internal Service Activity	\$619,619	\$936,850	\$1,483,664	\$1,483,664
Total	\$28,742,073	\$30,746,519	\$36,583,664	\$37,693,664
% change	--	7.0%	19.0%	3.0%
GRF % change	--	6.0%	17.7%	3.2%

Overview

The legislative branch of the state of Ohio includes the General Assembly, which is composed of two chambers: the 99-member House of Representatives and the 33-member Senate. Article II of the Ohio Constitution gives the General Assembly 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. The 99 members of the House of Representatives are elected every even-numbered year and cannot hold office for longer than four successive two-year terms. In addition to the members, the House of Representatives employs an administrative staff numbering 170 and a cohort of 50 pages.

Budget highlights

H.B. 96 makes several changes regarding committees, commissions, and taskforces with legislative appointees. Notably, it abolishes the following: (1) Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform, (2) Legacy Pain Management Study Committee, (3) Nursing Facility Payment Commission, (4) Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force, (5) Task Force on Bail, and (6) Scholarship Rules Advisory Committee.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

The budget of the House of Representatives is almost entirely supported by GRF funding, with \$71.3 million (96.0%) of total funding for the biennium coming from that source. The remainder, or approximately \$3.0 million (4.0%), is funded by proceeds of various reimbursements, salvaged and recycled equipment and supplies, and sales of flags, insignia, and other such items deposited into Internal Service Activity funds. The House's funding is appropriated to the three line items described in more detail below.

Operating Expenses (ALI 025321)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
GRF ALI 025321, Operating Expenses					
\$24,685,387	\$25,195,192	\$28,122,454	\$29,809,669	\$35,100,000	\$36,210,000
% change	2.1%	11.6%	6.0%	17.7%	3.2%

This appropriation line item (ALI) is used mainly to cover the payroll costs and obligations associated with 99 House members, and, as of July 2025, approximately 170 full-time administrative staff, and just under 60 part-time pages. The budget contains a temporary law provision, continued from previous budgets, requiring the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director, at the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House, to transfer all, or a portion, of the House's unexpended, unencumbered GRF appropriation from FY 2025 to FY 2026, and similarly, from FY 2026 to FY 2027.

House of Representatives Reimbursement (ALI 025601)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 1030 ALI 025601, House of Representatives Reimbursement					
\$45,437	\$707,353	\$595,065	\$928,955	\$1,433,664	\$1,433,664
% change	1,456.8%	-15.9%	56.1%	54.3%	0.0%

This ALI is funded through miscellaneous reimbursements, such as refunds from the Department of Administrative Services for overpayments of medical insurance premiums for representatives; amounts received for the salvage and recycling of equipment, materials, and supplies; and payments from members and staff for the operating expenses of the House. The budget for the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium contains a temporary law provision, as it has done in previous biennia, automatically increasing the appropriation if the Chief Administrative Officer of the House determines that additional amounts are necessary.

Miscellaneous Sales (ALI 025602)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 4A40 ALI 025602, Miscellaneous Sales					
\$26,471	\$47,993	\$24,554	\$7,895	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	81.3%	-48.8%	-67.8%	533.3%	0.0%

This line item is funded by money collected from the sale of flags, insignia, seals, frames for resolutions, and similar items. This money is used to pay the costs of procuring these items for resale.