

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

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. Members are assisted by 170 administrative employees and 50 pages.
- The budget proposal submitted by the House of Representatives provides approximately \$38.8 million in funding each fiscal year over the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium.
 - 96.2% of the House of Representatives' budget over the biennium comes from the GRF.
 - Payroll accounts for 89.4% of the budget, or nearly \$34.7 million each fiscal year.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
General Revenue	\$28,122,454	\$37,300,000	\$37,300,000	\$37,300,000
Internal Service Activity	\$619,618	\$1,483,664	\$1,483,664	\$1,483,664
Total	\$28,742,073	\$38,783,664	\$38,783,664	\$38,783,664
% change	--	34.9%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	32.6%	0.0%	0.0%

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. 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. 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.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget proposal

R.C. 107.03(D) states that “no alterations shall be made in the [budget] requests for the legislative and judicial branches of the state filed with the director of budget and management” Therefore, the Governor has made no alterations to the budget request submitted by the House.

Of the budget proposal prepared by the House of Representatives, \$37.3 million each fiscal year, or 96.2% of all funding, comes from the GRF. The remaining amount of approximately \$1.5 million each fiscal year (3.8%) comes from internal service activity funds.

Broken down by category of expense, approximately \$34.7 million (89.4%) each fiscal year is for payroll costs. Supplies, equipment, and maintenance account for almost \$3.5 million (9.0%) of budgeted expenses. The remaining amount of approximately \$610,000 (1.6%) each fiscal year is budgeted for purchased personal services and goods and services for resale.

Operating Expenses (ALI 025321)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 025321, Operating Expenses					
\$24,685,387	\$25,195,192	\$28,122,454	\$37,300,000	\$37,300,000	\$37,300,000
% change	2.1%	11.6%	32.6%	0.0%	0.0%

This appropriation line item (ALI) is used mainly to cover the payroll costs and obligations associated with 99 House members, 170 full-time administrative staff, and 50 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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 1030 ALI 025601, House of Representatives Reimbursement					
\$45,437	\$707,353	\$595,065	\$1,433,664	\$1,433,664	\$1,433,664
% change	1,456.8%	-15.9%	140.9%	0.0%	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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 4A40 ALI 025602, Miscellaneous Sales					
\$26,471	\$47,993	\$24,554	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	81.3%	-48.8%	103.6%	0.0%	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.