

Senate

Role and Overview

The Ohio Senate (SEN), in conjunction with the House of Representatives, enacts the laws of the state. The authority to do so is provided in Article II of the Ohio Constitution. The Senate considers bills that may alter existing laws or create new laws and resolutions, which are formal expressions of the wishes and opinions of the legislature. The Senate also must confirm members of state boards and commissions appointed by the Governor, the Attorney General, the Director of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and other certain agency heads whom the Governor is authorized to appoint. The Senate and the House of Representatives are the two "houses" that comprise the bicameral Ohio General Assembly. Each member of the Senate is elected to a four-year term from one of the state's 33 Senate districts. Each Senate district is made up of three House districts. Elections are held for the Senate every two years with half of the Senate members elected each time. Each member is assigned to at least one standing committee. A member also may be assigned to a select committee, which undertakes a specific legislative task; a joint-select committee, which consists of members from both the Senate and the House; or a conference committee, which seeks to resolve the differences between versions of a bill passed by both houses of the legislature. Members represent the citizens in their districts and serve as liaisons between groups and individuals in their districts and state and federal agencies. Members also respond to questions and concerns of their constituents. In addition, members may be appointed to serve on statutorily created committees such as the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, which has the power to review and invalidate agency rules; or the state Controlling Board, which provides legislative oversight over certain capital and operating expenditures by state agencies. Pursuant to Section 107.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Governor may not alter the funding requests of agencies of the legislative branch of government. The Senate provides the Office of Budget and Management with their budget request for inclusion in the executive budget proposal and not for consideration or approval. The 33 members of the Senate are supported by a staff of approximately 115 full-time employees and 40 part-time pages.

More information regarding the Senate is available at <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/>.

Agency Priorities

- Enact laws of the state in conjunction with the House of Representatives, subject to the approval of the Governor.

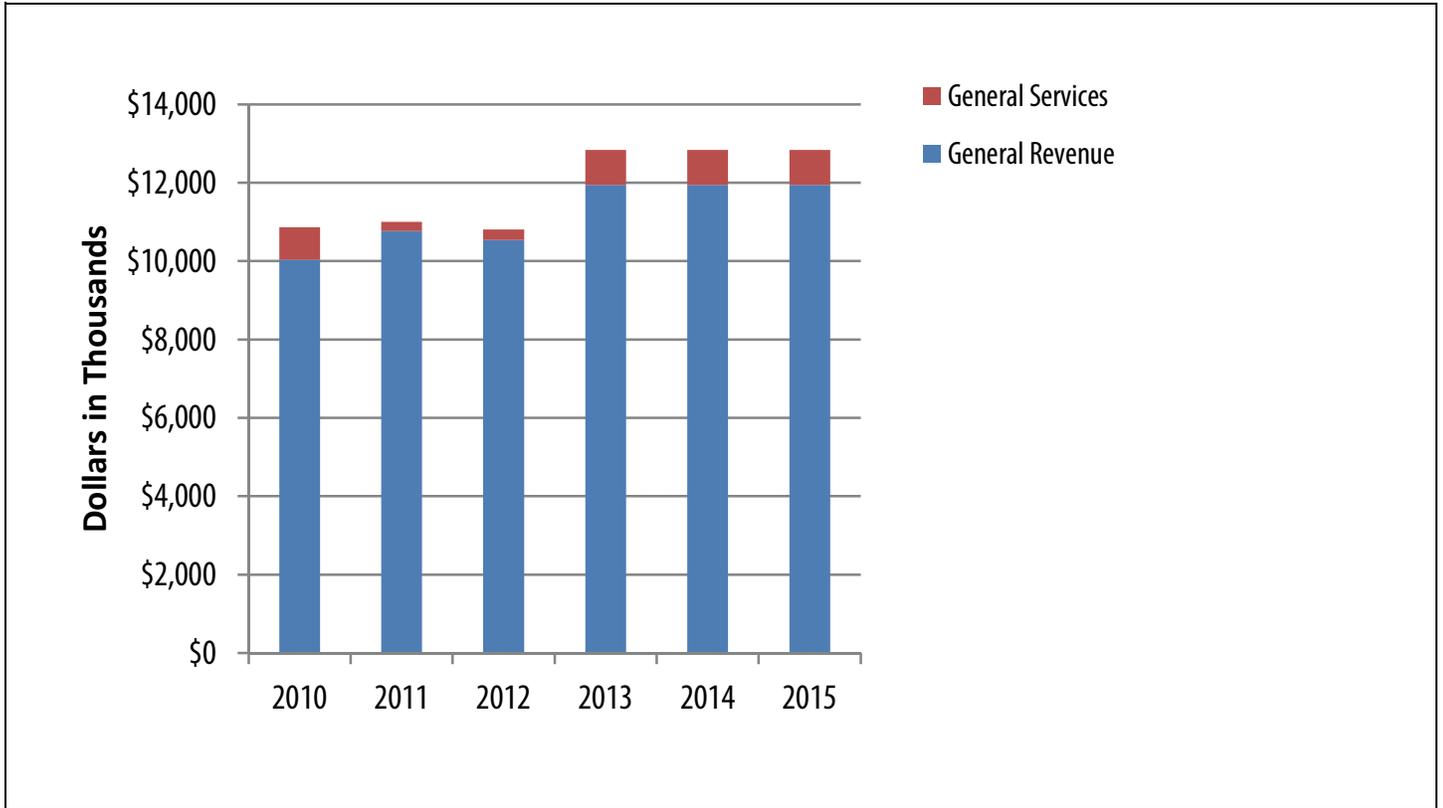
Funding Recommendation for 2014 and 2015

- GRF: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$11.9 million (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$11.9 million (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2014).
- All Funds: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$12.8 million (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$12.8 million (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2014).

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

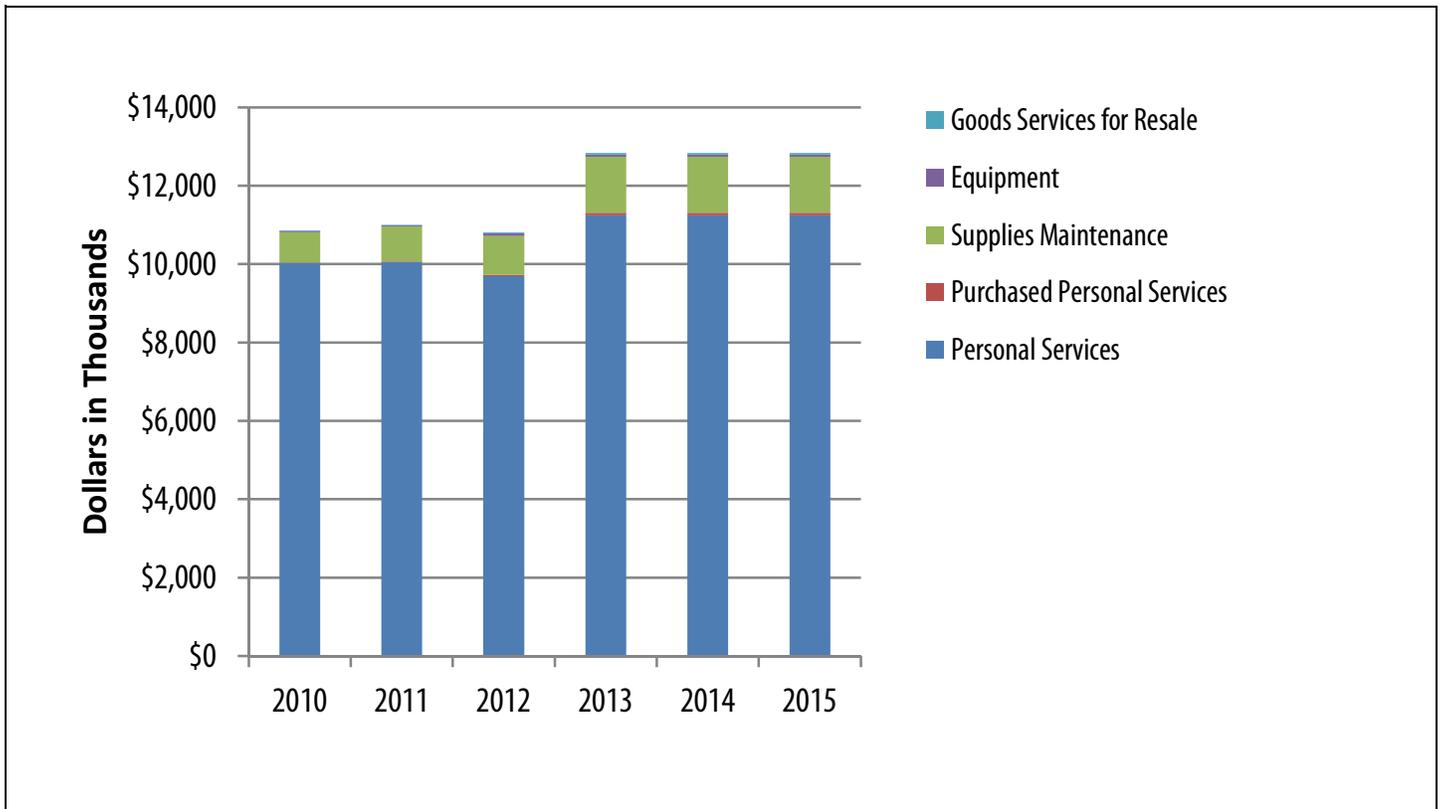
- Fund the operations of the Ohio Senate.

Budget Fund Group Information



(in Thousands) Budget Fund Group	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
General Revenue	10,035	10,763	10,538	11,948	13.4%	11,948	0.0%	11,948	0.0%
General Services	829	236	266	886	232.8%	886	0.0%	886	0.0%
Total	10,864	10,999	10,804	12,834	18.8%	12,834	0.0%	12,834	0.0%

Expense Account Category Information



(in Thousands) Expense Account Category	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
Personal Services	10,036	10,055	9,692	11,242	16.0%	11,242	0.0%	11,242	0.0%
Purchased Personal Services	12	16	32	70	119.7%	70	0.0%	70	0.0%
Supplies & Maintenance	767	888	992	1,428	43.9%	1,428	0.0%	1,428	0.0%
Equipment	35	30	68	60	-11.6%	60	0.0%	60	0.0%
Goods & Services for Resale	15	11	20	34	71.3%	34	0.0%	34	0.0%
Total	10,864	10,999	10,804	12,834	18.8%	12,834	0.0%	12,834	0.0%

Program Series 1: Senate (167A0)

This program series includes the program Senate (167B0) and supports the efforts of state senators and their staff to represent their districts.

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
GRF	20321	Operating Expenses	11,947,822	11,947,822	0.0%	11,947,822	0.0%
1020	20602	Senate Reimbursement	852,001	852,001	0.0%	852,001	0.0%
4090	20601	Miscellaneous Sales	34,497	34,497	0.0%	34,497	0.0%
Total for Senate			12,834,320	12,834,320	0.0%	12,834,320	0.0%

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Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Actual			Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
GRF	020321	Operating Expenses	10,035,077	10,763,468	10,537,811	11,947,822	11,947,822	0.0%	11,947,822	0.0%
Total General Revenue			10,035,077	10,763,468	10,537,811	11,947,822	11,947,822	0.0%	11,947,822	0.0%
1020	020602	Senate Reimbursement	813,658	224,711	246,237	852,001	852,001	0.0%	852,001	0.0%
4090	020601	Miscellaneous Sales	15,253	11,018	20,135	34,497	34,497	0.0%	34,497	0.0%
Total General Services			828,911	235,729	266,372	886,498	886,498	0.0%	886,498	0.0%
Grand Total Senate			10,863,988	10,999,197	10,804,183	12,834,320	12,834,320	0.0%	12,834,320	0.0%