

State of Ohio
House of Representatives

Role and Overview

The [House of Representatives \(REP\)](#), in conjunction with the Senate, enacts the laws of the state, subject to the approval of the Governor. The authority to do so is provided in Article II of the Ohio Constitution. The House 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 House of Representatives and the Senate are the two “houses” that comprise the bicameral Ohio General Assembly. Each member of the House is elected to a two-year term from one of the state’s 99 House districts. Each member is assigned to at least one of the approximately 30 standing committees and subcommittees. A member also may be assigned to a temporary committee of a standing committee; a select committee, which undertakes a specific legislative task; a joint select committee, which consists of members from both the House and Senate; 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.

The 99 members of the House are supported by a full-time staff of about 190 employees with an annual budget of approximately \$19.9 million.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	FY 2002	ACTUAL		ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
		FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006 CHANGE	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	17,697	17,983	18,428	19,969	8.4	20,169	1.0	20,371	1.0
General Services Fund Group	1,191	339	57	1,457	2,467.4	1,457	.0	1,457	.0
TOTAL	18,888	18,321	18,485	21,426	15.9	21,626	.9	21,828	.9

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	FY 2002	ACTUAL		ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
		FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006 CHANGE	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
Personal Services	16,658	16,771	17,071	17,990	5.4	18,190	1.1	18,391	1.1
Purchased Services	75	39	32	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
Maintenance	1,727	1,218	1,088	3,436	215.8	3,436	.0	3,436	.0
Equipment	403	266	272	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
Goods For Resale	26	28	22	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
Transfer & Other	0	0	0	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
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PROGRAM SERIES 01: House of Representatives

This program series supports the efforts of state representatives and their staffs to represent their districts, political party, state agencies, interest groups, and the committees on which they serve through the development of legislation.

Program 01.01: House of Representatives

This program serves to promote the role and responsibilities of the House of Representatives. Each member of the House of Representatives is elected to a two-year term from one of the state's 99 House districts during which time they are assigned to at least one standing committee or subcommittee. From time-to-time, representatives are also assigned to a temporary committee of a standing committee, a select committee, a joint select committee, or a conference committee.

What the Budget Buys:

As required by Section 107.03(B) of the Revised Code, the Governor has made no alterations to the funding requests of agencies of the legislative branch of government. Recommended amounts are as requested by the agency.

- Supports the development of legislation as well as legislative oversight of the administration of state government activities and the state budget; Ensures that citizens of each legislative district receive representation and assistance with questions and concerns that are the responsibility of state government; and
- Provides compensation to the 99 members of the House of Representatives and approximately 190 legislative staff.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	025-321	Operating Expenses	20,169,168	20,370,859
GSF	103	025-601	House Reimbursement	1,419,469	1,419,469
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				21,588,637	21,790,328

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - House of Representatives

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	025-321	Operating Expenses	17,697,265	17,982,716	18,428,388	19,969,473	20,169,168	1.0	20,370,859	1.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			17,697,265	17,982,716	18,428,388	19,969,473	20,169,168	1.0	20,370,859	1.0
103	025-601	House Reimbursement	1,164,729	311,211	28,249	1,419,469	1,419,469	.0	1,419,469	.0
4A4	025-602	Miscellaneous Sales	26,244	27,421	28,498	37,474	37,474	.0	37,474	.0
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			1,190,973	338,632	56,747	1,456,943	1,456,943	.0	1,456,943	.0
TOTAL House of Representatives			18,888,238	18,321,348	18,485,135	21,426,416	21,626,111	.9	21,827,802	.9