

Role and Overview

The Liquor Control Commission (LCO) regulates the alcoholic beverage industry by hearing cases and promulgating rules pursuant to chapters 4301 and 4303 of the Ohio Revised Code. LCO is comprised of three members appointed by the Governor for six-year terms. The commission’s annual budget of approximately \$743,000 supports a staff of five in addition to the three commission members. In fiscal year 2006, the commission docketed over 3,000 cases for hearing. More information regarding the Liquor Control Commission is available at <http://www.lcc.ohio.gov/>.



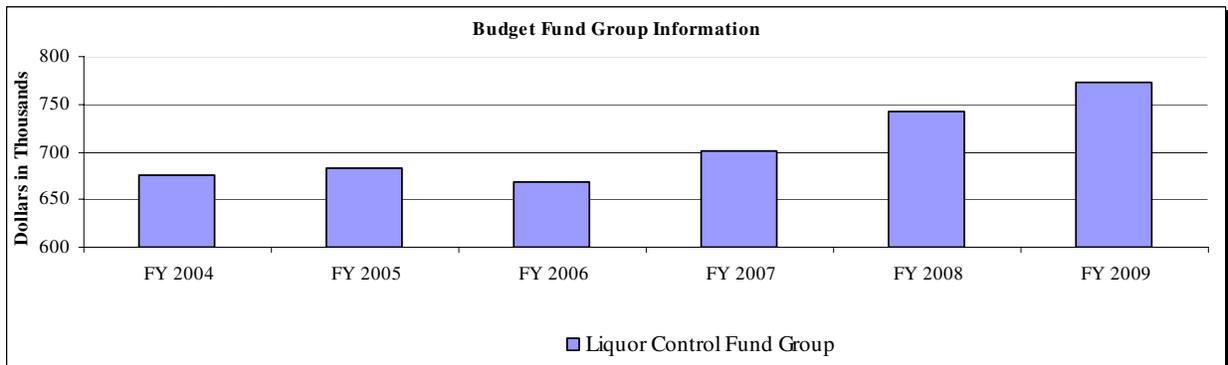
Turnaround Ohio Initiatives

- Operate with a high level of transparency and accountability to Ohio citizens.
- Develop initiatives which allow the public to hold operations to the highest ethical standards.
- Set benchmarks in operations that will rely on technology to ensure more efficient accomplishment of the commission’s responsibilities.

Agency Priorities

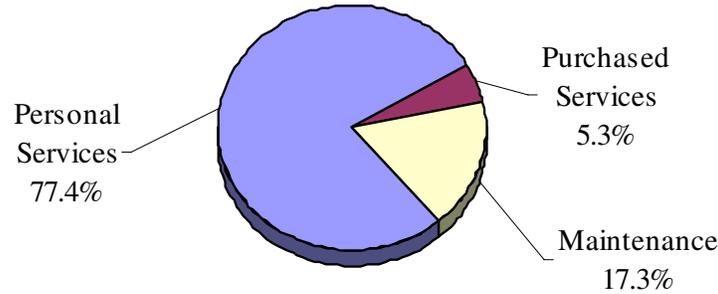
- Ensure fair and equitable hearings to all permit holders cited for a violation of Ohio’s Liquor Control Laws, as well as for the non-prevailing party in permit applications decided by the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, and to all permit holders whose liquor license is at risk due to tax deficiencies.
- Promulgate rules, standards, and guidelines to efficiently carry out Chapters 4301 and 4303 of the Ohio Revised Code, and to eliminate those that are unnecessary, redundant, and contradictory.
- Increase awareness of the ability to use on-line technology to receive information about liquor control issues.
- Enhance collaboration with other state agencies, especially with the finalization and use of the Ohio Liquor Law Enforcement database project, to improve coordination of inter-agency processes.
- Protect the public while promoting the integrity of the industry.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2007	% CHANGE FY 06-07	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006			FY 2008	CHANGE %	FY 2009	CHANGE %
Liquor Control Fund Group	676	683	668	701	4.9	743	6.1	773	4.0
TOTAL	676	683	668	701	4.9	743	6.1	773	4.0

**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Expense Category**



(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	%	FY 2009	%
Personal Services	512	517	525	548	4.3	575	5.1	598	3.9
Purchased Services	20	25	22	28	26.6	40	42.9	40	.0
Maintenance	132	122	117	125	7.1	128	2.1	135	5.5
Equipment	11	19	3	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
Transfer & Other	1	0	1	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	676	683	668	701	4.9	743	6.1	773	4.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: State Liquor Law Hearings

The commission regulates the alcoholic beverage industry in the State of Ohio by hearing cases and promulgating rules.

Program 01.01: Liquor Control Hearings

The Ohio Liquor Control Commission is a neutral, quasi-judicial agency that provides fair and impartial hearings for the protection of the public and liquor permit holders. Hearings stem from alleged violations of Ohio's liquor laws, appeals from orders of the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, and unpaid Ohio taxes by liquor permit holders. Rules promulgated by the commission in regards to liquor production, sales restrictions, minimum sale prices, and other matters related to the manufacture, distribution, and sale of beer, wine, and spirituous liquor are also a part of this process.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide for continued protection of the public, permit holders, and the liquor industry by ensuring compliance with state liquor control laws and regulations;
- Allow the commission to continue exceeding its goal of issuing orders within 45 days of the hearings;
- Allow the commission to maintain its website, including hearing and rule-related information for the public, the liquor industry, and other state agencies; and

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- Support completion of the collaborated network of databases of liquor permit holder information that are currently housed at the commission, in the Office of the Attorney General, at the Department of Public Safety, and at the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
LCF	043	970-321	Operating Expenses	743,093	772,524
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				743,093	772,524

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Liquor Control Commission

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
043	970-321	Operating Expenses	676,217	683,353	668,006	700,533	743,093	6.1	772,524	4.0
TOTAL Liquor Control Fund Group			676,217	683,353	668,006	700,533	743,093	6.1	772,524	4.0
TOTAL Liquor Control Commission			676,217	683,353	668,006	700,533	743,093	6.1	772,524	4.0