

Role and Overview

The Ohio 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 25 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.

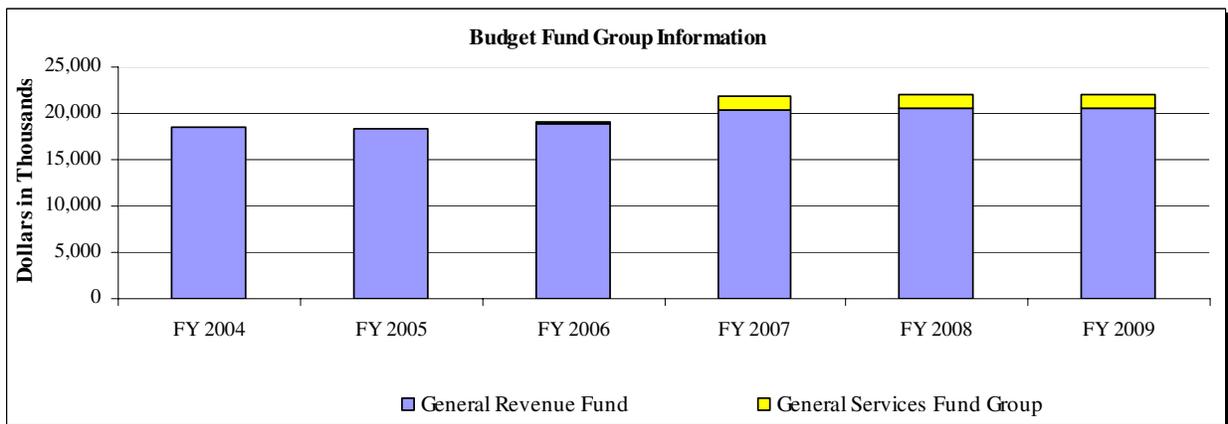
The 99 members of the House are supported by a full-time staff of about 190 employees with an annual budget of approximately \$22.0 million.

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 House of Representatives provides the Office of Budget and Management with their budget request for inclusion in the executive budget proposal and not for consideration or approval.

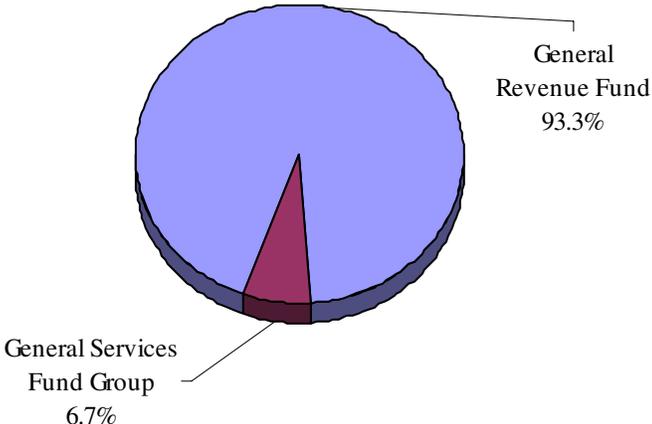
Additional information regarding the House of Representatives is available at <http://www.house.state.oh.us/>.

Agency Priorities

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

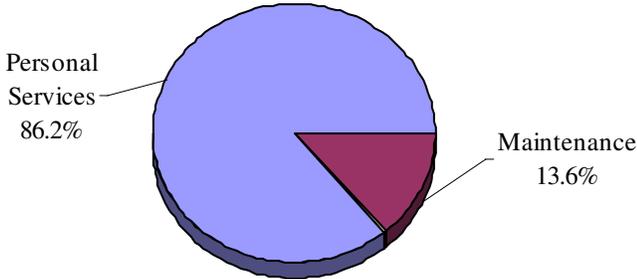


**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Budget Fund Group**



(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	18,428	18,359	18,937	20,371	7.6	20,575	1.0	20,575	.0
General Services Fund Group	57	31	178	1,457	719.1	1,472	1.0	1,472	.0
TOTAL	18,485	18,390	19,115	21,828	14.2	22,046	1.0	22,046	.0

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



State of Ohio
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(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2007	% CHANGE FY 06-07	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006			FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
Personal Services	17,071	16,754	17,478	18,821	7.7	19,007	1.0	19,007	.0
Purchased Services	32	43	23	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
Maintenance	1,088	1,003	1,066	2,969	178.5	3,001	1.1	3,001	.0
Equipment	272	569	530	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
Goods For Resale	22	22	18	37	111.2	38	1.0	38	.0
Transfer & Other	0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	18,485	18,390	19,115	21,828	14.2	22,046	1.0	22,046	.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: House of Representatives

This program series supports the efforts of state representatives and their staffs to represent their districts 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.

The House of Representative's Request will:

- Continue the current level of 271 full-time positions.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	025-321	Operating Expenses	20,574,568	20,574,568
GSF	103	025-601	House Reimbursement	1,433,664	1,433,664
GSF	4A4	025-602	Miscellaneous Sales	37,849	37,849
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				22,046,081	22,046,081

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FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	025-321	Operating Expenses	18,428,388	18,359,466	18,937,079	20,370,859	20,574,568	1.0	20,574,568	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			18,428,388	18,359,466	18,937,079	20,370,859	20,574,568	1.0	20,574,568	.0
103	025-601	House Reimbursement	28,249	8,833	161,480	1,419,469	1,433,664	1.0	1,433,664	.0
4A4	025-602	Miscellaneous Sales	28,498	22,195	16,386	37,474	37,849	1.0	37,849	.0
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			56,747	31,028	177,866	1,456,943	1,471,513	1.0	1,471,513	.0
TOTAL House of Representatives			18,485,135	18,390,494	19,114,945	21,827,802	22,046,081	1.0	22,046,081	.0