

TESTIMONY OF THE OHIO SENATE

VINCENT L. KEERAN, CLERK

TO THE

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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Chair Kunze and members of the committee, I am Vincent Keeran, Clerk of the Ohio Senate. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to present the proposed budget for the Ohio Senate for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

The Senate budget is comprised of two funding sources: the General Revenue Fund and the Internal Service Activity Fund.

The General Revenue Fund portion of the Senate budget is used to cover the costs of personnel, maintenance, and equipment.

Approximately 93 percent of the Senate budget is used to cover the salary and benefits of thirty three members as well as our staff and pages.

The other 7 percent of the Senate budget is used for maintenance and equipment costs. This includes mileage reimbursement, postage, and IT related purchases.

The Internal Service Activity Fund contains two line items:

The 4090 – Miscellaneous Sales line item is an account used to purchase flags, commendation folders and frames for resale.

The 1020 – Senate Reimbursement line item is used to receive overpayments of medical insurance premiums for members as well as payment for incidental usage of Senate equipment by members and staff. The 1020 account may be used for general operating expenses.

The appropriation level in each line item represents a zero percent increase in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 from our current adjusted FY 19 appropriations.

As you may know, Ohio is ranked 48th in legislative per capita spending. The Senate continues to look for ways to manage our resources efficiently such as sharing services with the House and other legislative entities.

Chair Kunze, thank you again for the opportunity to present the Senate's budget proposal. I will be happy to answer any questions you have.