

TESTIMONY OF THE OHIO SENATE

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TO THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Chairman Dolan, Ranking Member Sykes, 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 2022 and 2023.

The Senate's budget is comprised of three line items. The General Revenue Fund portion of the Senate budget is used to cover the costs of personnel, maintenance, and equipment.

Approximately 90 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 10 percent of the Senate budget is used for maintenance and equipment costs. This includes mileage reimbursement, postage, and IT related purchases.

The other two line items are:

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 2022 and 2023 from our current FY 21 appropriations.

The Senate continues to look for ways to manage our resources efficiently such as sharing services with the House and other legislative entities.

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