

**BUDGET TESTIMONY FOR THE OHIO SENATE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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CHAIR DOLAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE,

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025.

OUR BUDGET IS COMPRISED OF THREE LINE ITEMS.

THE FIRST LINE ITEM IS THE 321 GRF ACCOUNT. THAT ACCOUNT IS USED FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, INCLUDING PAYROLL. THE HOUSE IS REQUESTING \$30,250,000 MILLION IN THIS ACCOUNT FOR BOTH FY 2024 AND 2025. THIS REPRESENTS A 0% INCREASE IN THE APPROPRIATION FOR THIS BIENNIUM.

THE SECOND LINE ITEM IS THE 601 REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO RECEIVE REFUNDS FROM DAS FOR OVERPAYMENTS OF MEDICAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 101.272 OF THE REVISED CODE. THIS ACCOUNT MAY ALSO BE USED FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES.

THE THIRD LINE ITEM IS THE 602 SALES ROTARY ACCOUNT. THIS IS THE ACCOUNT THAT HOUSE MEMBERS USE TO PURCHASE ITEMS SUCH AS FLAGS, FRAMES, PRESENTATION FOLDERS AND SEALS. PAYMENTS FOR THESE ITEMS ARE DEPOSITED BACK INTO THIS ACCOUNT. THE HOUSE IS REQUESTING \$50,000 APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY, WHICH REPRESENTS A 0% INCREASE FOR THIS BIENNIUM.

OVER 90% OF OUR SPENDING GOES TOWARD PAYROLL EXPENSES. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF NON-PAYROLL-RELATED SPENDING GOES TOWARD THE FOLLOWING FOUR ITEMS:

- TECHNOLOGY EXPENDITURES
- MILEAGE
- POSTAGE
- PRINTING EXPENSES

WE ALSO ANTICIPATE THE COST OF HEALTHCARE RATES FOR OUR MEMBERS AND STAFF TO INCREASE IN THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM.

WE HAVE EXPLORED, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE, WAYS TO MANAGE OUR RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY AND MAXIMIZE THE DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO US. THIS BUDGET ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE EFFICIENT OPERATIONS ON BEHALF OF ALL OHIOANS AND TO SUPPORT THE EXCELLENT STAFF WE HAVE AT THE OHIO HOUSE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.