

Liquor Control Commission

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 more than \$815,000 supports a staff of six in addition to the three commission members. In fiscal year 2004, the commission docketed nearly 2,500 hearings. More information regarding the Liquor Control Commission is available at <http://lcc.ohio.gov/>.

Executive Priorities for the Liquor Control Commission

- Achieve compliance with liquor laws to protect the liquor industry and the general public.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
Liquor Control Fund Group	652	722	676	794	17.5	818	3.0	843	3.0
TOTAL	652	722	676	794	17.5	818	3.0	843	3.0

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
Personal Services	461	517	512	586	14.4	593	1.3	615	3.6
Purchased Services	54	41	20	30	51.4	45	50.6	45	.0
Maintenance	122	132	132	177	33.4	180	1.7	183	1.6
Equipment	15	1	11	2	(81.1)	0	(100.0)	0	.0
Transfer & Other	0	31	1	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	652	722	676	794	17.5	818	3.0	843	3.0

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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.

What the Budget Buys:

- Allows the commission to meet its goal of streamlining the processes leading up to and following hearings, especially ensuring that orders are issued in less than 45 days after the hearing, by maintaining the staffing level of three full-time commissioners and six full-time employees;
- Allows the commission to enhance its Website, including hearing and rule-related information for the public, the liquor industry, and other state agencies; and
- Supports the commission's collaboration in efforts to network the various databases of liquor permit holder information that are 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 GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
LCF	043	970-321	Operating Expenses	818,219	842,765
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				818,219	842,765

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Liquor Control Commission

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
043	970-321	Operating Expenses	652,155	721,639	676,217	794,387	818,219	3.0	842,765	3.0
TOTAL Liquor Control Fund Group			652,155	721,639	676,217	794,387	818,219	3.0	842,765	3.0
TOTAL Liquor Control Commission			652,155	721,639	676,217	794,387	818,219	3.0	842,765	3.0