State Budget Update
HB 33 & HB 1
(March 31, 2023)
Overview

- Budget Bill - HB 33
- Tax Proposal - HB 1
- OLC Tools - Updated ROI Calculator
- OLC Messaging
- OLC Legislative Day - April 26
- Next Steps
- Questions
State Budget Timeline

1. **JANUARY 31**
   - Governor’s Executive Budget is submitted to the General Assembly - "Blue Book" unveiled

2. **EARLY-MID FEBRUARY**
   - Budget Bill introduced, OBM budget testimony in House Finance

3. **FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL**
   - House budget hearings occur, and directors testify in subcommittee hearings

4. **APRIL, MAY, JUNE**
   - Senate budget hearings

5. **MID-JUNE**
   - Conference Committee

6. **JULY 1**
   - Happy Fiscal New Year!
Key Committees for the Budget

- House Finance (Jay Edwards, Chair)
- Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education, Manning-Chair, Cross, B. Young, Jarrells, Blackshear
- Senate Finance (Matt Dolan, Chair)
- Senate Workforce and Higher Education, Cirino-Chair, Rulli-Vice Chair, Reineke, Reynolds, Ingram
HB 33 - Budget Update

- OLC Testimony in House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education
- Upcoming Testimony in House Finance Committee
- Easter Break (Mar. 31-April 17)
Public Library Fund (PLF) - Commitment to Ohio’s public libraries

- Funding at new statutory levels in FY 2024 and FY 2025
  - 1.70% (permanent law)
- OBM PLF distribution estimates from Blue Book:
  - FY 2023: $492 million
  - FY 2024: $505 million (2.6% increase)
  - FY 2025: $530 million (5.0% increase)
HB 1 - Tax Proposal

- 2.75% Flat Tax ($1.5 to $2 Billion Income Tax Cut), reduces the PLF by $25 to $34 Million per FY
- Eliminates the 10% Rollback on Class I Property (this includes the rollback benefit to residential property owners and the reimbursement to local governments)
- Reduces the assessment rate on Class I & II Property from 35% to 31.5%
- Includes a secondary property tax reduction factor in addition to HB 920
- Impact on HB 920?
OLC Resources and Tools
http://libraryfunding.olc.org/
• Advocacy Tools and Templates
• White Paper and Talking Points
• Statehouse Directory
• Webinar Recordings
• Testimony & News Updates
• ROI Calculator *recently updated
• Fact Sheets
Message to Lawmakers and Next Steps

• Make public libraries a priority in the state budget
• Maintain PLF funding and set the permanent law language at at least 1.70% of the State’s General Revenue Fund (GRF)
• Hold public libraries harmless from any additional reductions in state funding (HB 1)
• Invite legislators into your libraries and show them the “good” and the “bad”
OLC Legislative Day at the Statehouse - Wed., April 26
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AGENDA

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  Registration and Refreshments

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Welcome and General Session: Legislative Briefing and Talking Points
Michelle Francis, Executive Director; and
Jay Smith, Director of Government and Legal Services, OLC

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Library Showcase in Statehouse Rotunda

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Minority Leadership Perspectives
The Honorable Allison Russo, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Nickie Antonio, Senate Minority Leader

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Majority Leadership Perspectives
The Honorable Matt Huffman, President of the Senate
The Honorable Scott Oelslager, Speaker Pro Tempore

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Andrew Carnegie Award Presentation

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  OLC Luncheon with Legislators
Keynote Address - Governor Mike DeWine

1:30 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.  Senate & House Sessions – Statehouse Chambers
Questions?

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