

# Ohio Library Council

## State Budget Update

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# State Budget – HB 49

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## □ Status/Timeline

- Gov. Introduced – Early Feb.
- House Version Finalized – May 2
- May/June – Senate Deliberations
- June – Conference Committee
- Final Bill Passed by June 30

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## □ Big Picture – State Revenues

- 4/13 - \$800 Million Reduction (\$400 Million Per Year)
- 5/2 - House Claims \$632 Million in Reductions

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- ❑ **House Version**
  - **\$63.7 Billion Overall Spending**
  - **58-37 Vote**
  - **4,675 Pages of Bill Language**
- ❑ **Priorities**
  - **Opioid Epidemic - \$170.6 Million**
  - **K-12 Education - \$90 Million**

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## □ House Version

- ***Removed* Kasich's Proposed:**
  - Income Tax Cuts
  - Sales Tax Increases
  - Oil & Gas Tax Increases
  - Tobacco Tax Increases
  - Wine & Beer Tax Increases
- ***Kept* Kasich's Proposed:**
  - Tax Bracket Reform

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## □ House Version

- **Across-the-Board Cuts to State Agencies**
- **Medicaid “*Guardrails*” – *Reduce Spending***
- **Allows Video Poker at Racinos – *Add Revenue***

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## □ House Version

- **PLF**
  - **Cuts PLF Back to 1.66% of GRF**
  - **Minimum \$7.7 Million Cut in FY 18**
  - **Numbers, Assumptions & Expectations**
- **Workforce Development**
  - **Libraries as “Continuous Learning Centers”**
  - **OMJ Centers & MOUs**



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## □ House Version

- Other Local Gov/Public Library Provisions
  - DataOhio
  - CAUV Changes Phased-in Over 6 Years
  - ODNR & Drilling
  - Increases County Treasurer Fees
  - Property Tax Resolution Language

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## □ House Version

- Unfinished Business

- Medicaid MCO Sales Tax for Counties & Transits
- TPP Replacement Payments for Schools
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- Senate will CUT MORE – Speculation
- June – Conference Committee AND Officially Update Revenue Estimates

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- **Contact the Ohio Senate!**
  - **Next Steps**
    - **Restart & Reset Advocacy Efforts in the Senate**
  - **The “Ask” – Protect the PLF**
    - **Do NOT Cut State Funding to Ohio’s Public Libraries**
    - **Maintain the PLF at 1.7%**
    - **Hold Harmless**

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### • Talking Points

- Ohio's Public Libraries are currently receiving almost 6% less in state funding than was appropriated/approved for FY 17.
- ROI – For every \$1 spent by Ohio's Public Libraries, more than \$5 in economic value is returned to Ohioans.
- Now is NOT the time to make additional cuts to public libraries! During an economic downturn and in the middle of an opioid crisis, public libraries can help be part of the solution.
- Share specific examples!

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- **Contact the Ohio Senate!**
- **Call to Action**
  - **Directors, Trustees, Fiscal Officers, Friends & Foundations**
  - **Patrons/Customers - \*Key Relationships**
  - **Call, Email, Postcards, Letters, In-Person**
  - **Social Media & Screensavers**

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## □ Contact the Ohio Senate!

## □ Senate Directory

- Your Senator –
  - <http://ohiosenate.gov/>
- Senate Majority Leadership
  - <http://ohiosenate.gov/members/majority-leadership>
- Senate Finance Committee
  - <http://ohiosenate.gov/committee/finance>
- Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee
  - <http://ohiosenate.gov/committee/finance-higher-education-subcommittee>

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- **Confusion**
  - IMLS
  - INFOhio
  - Ohioana
  - State Library
- **OLC's Focus**
  - PLF – State Funding/Foundation



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- ❑ **Protect the Public Library Fund (PLF)**
  - Do NOT Cut State Funding to Public Libraries
  - Maintain the PLF at 1.7% of the GRF
  - Hold Public Libraries Harmless
- ❑ **Ohio Libraries Transform**
  - Education & Workforce Development
  - Opioid Epidemic
- ❑ **Share Examples**
  - *Why State Funding for Public Libraries is Important to Ohioans*

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- OLC Website

- <http://olc.org/resources/government-relations/advocacy-tools-libraries/>

- OLC Microsite – Protect the PLF

- <http://libraryfunding.olc.org/>

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Questions?

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