***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Budget**

The Missouri Senate now has its own version of the Fiscal Year 2024 state operating budget.

Senator Lincoln Hough of Springfield chairs the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3).

He says [House Bill 2](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2&year=2023&code=R) appropriates state funding for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which includes fully funding school transportation…

**Hough 3 :08 Q: and urban districts.**

But Sen. Karla May of St. Louis, who also serves on the panel, says she does not agree with the idea of removing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion — or DEI — funding included in the budget…

**May 3 :09 Q: a global economy.**

The Fiscal Year 2024 state operating budget has to be sent to the governor no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 5.

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