***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
FY ’24 Budget**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we preview the Fiscal Year 2024 state operating budget…

**Nat Snd :06 Q: about the budget.**

Missouri’s fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30. Last week, we talked about the supplemental and capital improvements budgets, plus other pieces of the total that happen during an existing fiscal year. This week, our focus is on the 13 appropriations measures that make up the total budget for the next fiscal year.

Senator Lincoln Hough of Springfield chairs the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3). He calls the improvements proposed for I-70 through our state one of the most shovel-ready…

 **Hough :09 Q: the St. Louis area.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says he believes this budget to look beyond just the new fiscal year…

 **Rowden :13 Q: the big picture.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says the spending reductions the Missouri House of Representatives proposed for libraries and hiring inclusions were restored in the Missouri Senate…

 **Rizzo :09 Q: won a victory.**

Senator Doug Beck of St. Louis adds he is also glad the DEI funding was returned to the budget…

 **Beck :06 Q: meant to distract.**

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe, who serves on the Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee, says education does well in the new budget…

 **Black :12 Q: salary for teachers.**

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City, who also serves on the panel, says the $17 provider rate was dropped to $16 an hour in a compromise…

 **Arthur :15 Q: the right direction.**

Missouri senators also say the Fiscal Year 2024 budget will probably be the last to include federal funding from the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the governor has already signed some of the legislation to come from this year’s regular legislative session, he still has until July 14 to sign, veto or let measures become law without his signature.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a complete list of [truly agreed to and finally passed](https://senate.mo.gov/23info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) legislation — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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