***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script**

The 12 measures that comprise the Fiscal Year 2026 state operating budget come to the floor of the Missouri Senate.

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

In the past, House Bill 1 always served as the public debt vehicle — but the state paid off all public debt a couple of years ago — so the budget now starts with [House Bill 2](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2&year=2025&code=R), which is elementary and secondary education…

**Hough :09 Q: the foundation formula. (2x)**

During discussion, Sen. Maggie Nurrenbern of Kansas City mentioned part of the upcoming budget focuses on job retention…

**Nurrenbern :08 Q: about real seriously.**

If needed, Missouri Senate-House conference committees will be formed to hammer out any differences in the two versions of the budget.

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