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Missouri House Signs Off on Fiscally Conservative Budget Saving \$2 Billion from Governor's Proposals

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The members of the Missouri House of Representatives approved a \$46.4 billion state operating budget for fiscal year 2025, which would begin in July. These 12 appropriation bills cover various areas such as fully funding the state's school foundation formula, increasing funding for higher education institutions, providing additional support for law enforcement and school safety, and allocating funds for nursing homes and child care providers. The House plan cuts nearly \$2 billion from the governor's initial proposal, while placing the primary emphasis of this year's budget on bolstering the state's infrastructure, including Missouri's aging roadways.

Some of the key highlights of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget are as follows:

- \$727.5 million investment for rebuilding I-44 (including six lanes at Springfield, Joplin, and Rolla)
- \$100 million for rural and low volume roads
- \$53 million for I-29 and I-35 improvements
- \$8 million for the National Guard and Operation Lone Star to defend the southern border
- \$7.5 million for an aircraft maintenance facility at Rosecrans Air National Guard Base
- \$2 million for grants to crisis pregnancy resource centers to support mothers in need
- \$1.5 billion toward expanding broadband access
- \$120.6 million increase to fully fund the K-12 education foundation formula
- \$14 million increase to fully fund school transportation
- 2% increase for colleges and universities
- 3.2% pay raise for state employees
- Over \$16 million in port infrastructure projects

The bills now move to the Missouri Senate for consideration. The House and Senate will have to reach final agreement on the bills by Friday, May 10. To view the FY 2025 Appropriation documents, please visit: <https://house.mo.gov/budget.aspx>

Representative Jon Patterson, a Republican, represents District 30, which includes parts of Lee's Summit. He was elected to his first two-year term in November of 2018. Rep. Patterson currently serves as Majority Floor Leader. For more information, please contact Rep. Patterson's office at 573-751-0907 or via email at Jonathan.Patterson@House.Mo.Gov.

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