



**Senator David Pearce**  
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## **Senator David Pearce Addresses Missouri Small Business Development Centers**

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JEFFERSON CITY – Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) yesterday (1/27) addressed and took questions from Missouri Small Business Development Centers’ staff members visiting the Capitol.

During his speech, Sen. Pearce, who was the event’s keynote speaker, invited and encouraged staff members to speak with their elected officials. He also talked about the budget and the importance of continuing to fund higher education. Following his address, he met with recipients of the “Rising Star for Innovation and Entrepreneurship” award.

“It is sobering times that we are in,” Sen. Pearce said. “You are our hope, the ones we are looking to as the future to create and retain jobs and create growth. I’m excited to see what you have done—and can do—to improve the future of Missouri.”

Sen. Pearce discussed [House Bill 2058](#), economic development legislation he sponsored and helped pass in the Missouri House of Representatives last year. He also spoke about the job creation bill he is currently sponsoring in the Senate, [Senate Bill 45](#), which expands the Quality Jobs Act. In his State of the State address Tuesday evening, Governor Nixon called for lawmakers to send a job creation package to his desk before the Legislature adjourns for its mid-session break in March.

[Missouri Small Business Development Centers](#) are part of a program that helps small businesses to get started, develop and succeed. Centers across the state offer training programs, counseling services and other resources, and are part of the University of Missouri Extension's business program.

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