***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
FY ’22 Budget**

The only constitutionally mandated job of the Missouri Senate is about to come due.

The Fiscal Year 2022 state operating budget awaits the upper chamber’s treatment.

Senator Karla Eslinger of Wasola, who serves on the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/), says this panel will review the Missouri House of Representatives’ version of the Fiscal Year 2022 state operating budget before it goes to the full Missouri Senate…

 **Eslinger :04 Q: budget going forward.**

Missouri’s next budget also includes federal COVID-19 relief dollars.

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur adds she expects a great deal of discussion on this budget…

 **Schupp :05 Q: expansion of Medicaid.**

In addition to the 13 bills that comprise the budget, there are additional measures that relate to state spending for the next fiscal year that also await Missouri Senate approval.

By law, the Fiscal Year 2022 state operating budget has to be complete by 6 p.m. on Friday, May 7.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.