***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
FRA and Budget**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the budget for Missouri’s new fiscal year, plus the latest on FRA…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: be taken up….**

Missouri senators spent four days working on [Senate Bill 1](https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=E1&BillID=70268866).

Sponsor, Sen. Dan Hegeman of Cosby, says this measure seeks to extend the sunset on certain health care provider federal reimbursement allowances, and modify provisions relating to certain family-planning health care services…

 **Hegeman :07 Q: on the FRA.**

During discussion, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City stressed what she believes is the need for the FRA…

 **Arthur :10 Q: any related issues.**

Senate Bill 1 was then sent to the Missouri House of Representatives. This measure comes as Missouri’s next fiscal year begins…

 **Nat Snd 2 :08 Q: absorb the cost.**

Senator Karla Eslinger of Wasola serves on the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/APRP/). She says budgeting means providing for local communities…

 **Eslinger 1 :10 Q: and one charter.**

She adds there are many state requirements for otherwise local entities…

 **Eslinger 2 :11 Q: their workers’ comp.**

Senator Eslinger also says the state budget process begins in December…

 **Eslinger 3 :05 Q: to the Senate.**

Senator Karla May of St. Louis also serves on the panel. She says lawmakers budgeted with the idea Medicaid expansion would happen…

 **May 1 :12 Q: the petition said.**

Since then, a judge has ruled there’s no funding mechanism for the funding…

 **May 2 :09 Q: it’s approximately $150 million.**

Senator May says this comes down to one section of state law…

 **May 3 :11 Q: creating new funding.**

The Missouri Supreme Court could decide the fate of Medicaid expansion when it hears arguments on July 13.

Fiscal Year 2022 started on July 1.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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