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Kentucky's General Fund tops \$15B, revenue up less than 1%

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Revenues for Kentucky's state government increased by less than 1% during the most recent

fiscal year ending June 30. It's the lowest rate of growth since the state lost revenue in the years following the recession and is a significant drop since record-setting years of double-digit growth in 2021

and 2022. The state's General Fund for the year totaled \$15.7 billion, according to general and road fund receipts reported by the Office of State Budget Director on July 10. Estimates in the

state's budget anticipated no growth for the year, but figures in the report show an increase of 0.8%, or an additional nearly \$132 million in revenue. The unpredicted increase is a result of the growth of revenue

from business taxes that covered losses from decreases in the state's two largest sources of income: sales and income tax. Receipt reports track where money comes from and are then used to inform budget decisions and other state government financial planning. Kentucky's Office of State Budget Director produces the reports monthly and then for every fiscal year. Budget surplus amounts will be known by the end of the month, according to the receipts

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Senate OKs bid to cancel foreign aid, public broadcast funds

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The Senate early Thursday approved a White House request to claw back \$9 billion for foreign aid and public broadcasting, as Republicans bowed to President Donald Trump in an unusual surrender of congressional spending power.

The 51-48 vote came over the objections of two Republicans, who argued that their party was ceding Congress' constitutional control over federal funding. The Republicans who opposed the measure were Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.

The bulk of the funds targeted – about \$8 billion – was for foreign assistance programs. The remaining \$1.1 billion was for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which funds NPR and PBS. The House is expected to give final approval to the package later this week, sending it to Trump for his signature.

The debate on the measure laid bare a simmering fight over Congress' power of the purse. Since Trump began his second term, the White House has moved aggressively and at times unilaterally, primarily through the Department of Government Efficiency, to expand the executive branch's control over federal spending, a power the

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Legislators and visitors walk up the steps to the Senate chambers at the Kentucky state Capitol in Frankfort, Ky., on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Kentucky universities in compliance with DEI ban

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University leaders across Kentucky say they are in compliance with the new law banning diversity, equity and inclusion policies and practices, which went into effect at the end of June.

House Bill 4, which was

passed by Kentucky lawmakers earlier this year, requires public universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to dismantle and defund all DEI initiatives. That includes offices, policies and practices "designed or implemented to promote or provide preferential treatment or benefits to individuals on the basis of religion, sex, color, or national

origin" under the law.

Schools had to be in compliance with the law by the time it went into effect on June 27.

At a education budget subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, representatives from each of the eight public universities and KCTCS said they were in compliance. Kentucky State University said it was in "substantial compliance" by that date,

with full compliance expected by Aug. 30.

"A goal of this hearing is to ensure that we make every effort to end discrimination, promote academic freedom and to make sure all Kentucky students have the equal opportunity to pursue higher education," said committee chair Sen. Steve Rawlings, R-Burlington.

Universities were asked to submit a report touching on several topics, including changes made to eliminate DEI, if any financial savings were achieved in the process and if any employees were fired to come into compliance.

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AARON SCHWARTZ *Pool/Sipa USA*

Vice President JD Vance, shown July 8, traveled to Pennsylvania on Wednesday to sell the Trump administration's signature domestic policy legislation but didn't mention cuts to programs that many of the president's supporters rely on.

Vance on the road to sell the benefits of Trump's megabill

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Vice President JD Vance traveled to a crucial swing state Wednesday to sell the Trump administration's signature domestic policy legislation as a victory for working American families, despite concerns even among some Republicans over its cuts to the safety net in service of benefiting the rich.

In what amounted to an attempted brand relaunch of legislation that Democrats have framed as an attack on the middle class, Vance traveled to a machine shop in eastern Pennsylvania to spotlight provisions in the package that would cut taxes, preserve overtime pay and create \$1,000 savings accounts for newborns.

Left unmentioned by Vance were the cuts to Medicaid and the nutritional assistance programs that many of Trump's

own supporters rely on.

"I think this will be transformational for the American people," Vance said in front of signs that read "No tax on tips" and "America is back." The vice president appealed to those in attendance to help the administration sell the package before next year's midterm elections, arguing that it would benefit Americans like those working in the manufacturing facility serv-

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