

MISSOURI TRAVEL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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The Missouri Senate this week approved a new budget for the Division of Tourism totaling \$23.7 million. The funding comes from federal budget stabilization money approved by Congress.

The House approved a \$20.7 million budget for the Division last month with the money coming from state general revenue. Gov. Jay Nixon had recommended a \$23.7 million budget for the agency, the same spending level as the Division has for this fiscal year.

The budget now goes to a joint House-Senate conference committee for compromise. Major differences exist between the two chambers over how to spend federal stabilization and stimulus money sent from Congress.

The legislature must approve a new state budget by May 8.