

Missouri Travel Council Legislative Update

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Gov. Jay Nixon this past week continued slashing the current state budget amid a continual decline in state revenue. The Division of Tourism was spared further budget cuts.

The governor this past week cut another 75 million dollars and 150 jobs from the current state budget. In total, the governor has cut close to 800 million dollars and 2,000 jobs from the current state budget compared to a year ago. Further cuts may be on the horizon as state revenue continues to shrink.

The House Appropriations Committee for Economic Development this coming week is scheduled to hear a presentation on the budget for the Department of Economic Development, which includes the Division of Tourism. The governor has recommended a 20.4 million dollar budget for the Division in the fiscal year beginning July 1.