

**MTC Legislative Update**

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**The Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee will review the proposed Department of Economic Development budget this coming week.**

**That department budget includes 13.4 million dollars for the Division of Tourism for the new fiscal year that begins July 1. That is the same level of funding as the Division of Tourism has for the current fiscal year.**

**The House Appropriations Committee for Economic Development is expected to review the department budget week after next.**

**The House Agriculture Committee held a public hearing this past week on establishment of the Agri-Tourism Promotion Act (HB 1254). Testifying for the tourism industry in support of this legislation was Kay Schwinke.**

**Legislation (SCS SB 588 & 585) has been approved by the Senate Economic Development Committee that would provide for state tax credits to attract sporting events to Missouri.**