

Update on State Budget

Members of the University Community,

The Kentucky House of Representatives Appropriations and Revenue Committee released its budget proposal for 2018-19 and 2019-20 earlier this week. While the Governor's proposal would reduce the University of Kentucky's state funding by 6.25%, the House Committee would preserve the University's current appropriation.

In addition, the House proposal would restore funding to seven of the eight University mandated programs subject to reduction or elimination in the Governor's version. Like the Governor, the House proposal would eliminate state funding for the University Press of Kentucky.

We very much appreciate the House's effort to keep the University generally whole, even in the midst of a very difficult budgetary environment. The Kentucky Senate will spend much of March developing their budget proposal. A conference committee will then be charged with reconciling the differences in the budget versions. So, while we are encouraged by the House proposal, we realize there is a good deal of negotiation left to accomplish.

In Frankfort, we will continue to tell the University's story - your story - about our strong and lasting impact on the lives we touch and the communities we serve.

On campus, we will continue our conversations about how best to build long-term fiscal stability in response to the challenges we face and the opportunities we have.

We will continue to keep you posted.