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State Agencies Confront Budget Cuts

Gov. Mark Parkinson's announcement of \$259 million worth of cuts in the Kansas state budget doesn't mandate layoffs or furloughs of state employees.

But the governor has acknowledged that state agencies will have the flexibility to decide how to implement the cuts. That means that some agencies will see layoffs and some will furlough employees to save money.

Unemployment in the state stands at 6.4 percent. State lawmakers point out that businesses have faced the reality of having to bring labor costs in line with revenues.

But the union for state employees says it would be unfair to idle workers who provide services to the public.

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