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AG Schmidt Urges Line Item Veto In New Budget

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt is urging Gov. Sam Brownback to veto provisions in a proposed state budget for each of the next two years.

Schmidt said in a statement Thursday that he and county prosecutors object to two provisions that would take funds from his agency. Both Brownback and Schmidt are Republicans.

Schmidt opposes a provision diverting \$600,000 in fees from applications for concealed carry permits, saying the money shouldn't be used for general government programs.

He also opposes a salary cap for state agencies.

Brownback has until Sunday to act on the budget bill. The measure authorizes more than \$14 billion in spending for each of the next two fiscal years, starting in July.

The governor has the power to veto individual line items in budget legislation.

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