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Auditor Harmon Tells Legislative Panel His Agency Will Make Governor's Proposed Budget Cuts Work

Auditor made first appearance before Budget Review Subcommittee to discuss plans for two-year budget

FRANKFORT, Ky. (February 9, 2016) – Mike Harmon, Kentucky's 47th Auditor of Public Accounts (APA), today said his agency will make Governor Matt Bevin's proposed cuts in the next two-year budget work during a presentation to the Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government, Finance and Public Protection in Frankfort.

"Given the dire straits our public pension system is in financially, we understand the great need to address the funding deficit immediately," said Auditor Harmon. "We have called for and support Governor Bevin's plans to audit KRS and KTRS. Many state agencies have had to tighten their belts, and we are prepared to do the same."

Auditor Harmon went over the impact of the proposed cuts in the current Fiscal Year 2016 budget, which will cost APA a little under \$215,000, and the nine percent proposed cuts in Fiscal Year 2017 and Fiscal Year 2018 which will reduce APA's General Fund budget \$429,800 in each year of the biennial budget.

During his presentation, Auditor Harmon also mentioned that APA conducted more than 1,130 financial audits of state and local government in the last two years, covering more than \$25 Billion in state and local funding.

Auditor Harmon also discussed past special examinations by APA, including issues relating to sexual assault kits, and plans for future special examinations by the agency in 2016.

“We hope to announce soon our plans to move forward on an audit of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund, better known as KLEFPF, and the Kentucky Firefighters Foundation Program Fund (KFFPF),” Auditor Harmon said during testimony.

Auditor Harmon stated APA has 145 employees, including 131 auditors, and that 90 percent of the agency’s budget goes toward personnel costs. To watch Auditor Harmon’s presentation to the Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government, Finance, and Public Protection, go to <https://youtu.be/wLnxAiizugE>.



Photo cutline: Auditor Mike Harmon gives his presentation on the proposed budget for the next two years to the Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government, Finance, and Public Protection in Frankfort. (Photo: Office of the Auditor of Public Accounts)

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