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Effort To Eliminate KS Food Tax Underway

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - Two state senators from Wichita say they want to introduce a plan in the Legislature to eliminate sales tax on food purchased for preparation at home.

Republican Sen. Michael O'Donnell says he worked on a similar proposal on the tax code during the 2013 legislative session but the House rejected it.

The Wichita Eagle reports O'Donnell is working with Democratic Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau on a plan that would slowly reduce the sales tax on food over several years.

The Kansas Department of Revenue says groceries make up about 15 percent of total sales tax collections, bringing in about \$392.5 million each year - most of which goes into the state's general fund.

Kansas is currently projected to have a \$260 million deficit by the end of June 2016.

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