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Ks Braces for Federal Budget Cuts

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Kansas officials waiting to see how automatic cuts in federal spending will affect on the state are trying to assure residents that state government services remain fully funded.

Gov. Sam Brownback says that agencies are trying to assess how much money may be at stake in cuts that are authorized to occur Friday. The cuts would not go into effect until March 27, when the current continuing resolution on federal spending expires.

The biggest impact would be felt at the state's military installations, where civilian employees have been told of the potential for furloughs over 22 weeks starting in April. Estimates are the loss of wages could be close to \$40 million statewide for active duty, Kansas National Guard and reserve forces.

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