


Senior Resource Summit set for September 22

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A Senior Resource Summit is scheduled for Friday, September 22 at the Taylor County Extension Office in Campbellsville. The time is 4 to 8 p.m. ET. This program is designed to help answer questions and to provide information for people who are growing older. This will address several of the situations that seniors tend to face as they age. More than 20 vendors are expected to be on hand to help provide information. There will also be several speakers at various times throughout the evening. At 4:00 p.m. ET, attorney John Dotson will address How to Prepare for the High Cost of Growing Older. Understanding a Hospital Stay Today is the topic at 5:00 p.m. ET. The speakers on this topic will be from Taylor Regional Hospital Care Management. At 6 p.m. ET, there will be two different speakers. Embracing Life as We Age will be led by representatives from the Taylor County Extension Office and Understanding Hospice vs. Palliative Care will be led by Hosparus Health and Pal-litus Health Partners. At 7 p.m. representatives from Home-town Pharmacy and Eastridge Phelps Pharmacy will lead the topic of Pharmacy 101: Everything You Need to Know About Pharmacy.” To RSVP for the afternoon or to get more information, please contact Jennifer Van Mersbergen at 270-403-2413 or email her at jvanmersbergen@hosparus.org. In addition to the speakers and vendors, there will be door prizes, giveaways and refreshments. The Taylor County Extension Office is located at 1143 South Columbia Avenue in Campbellsville.

Reed: Legislature’s work to eliminate individual income tax remains on track

Capitol Focus



State Rep. Brandon Reed

Last month, the state budget director released a very positive revenue report that showed the legislature’s work to reform the state’s budget and update Kentucky’s outdated tax structure is working. For the third year in a row, we had more than a billion dollars left unspent, with revenue far exceeding expectations. Thereportalsoproves that the individual income tax cut passed by the legislature last year is helping working men and women and benefiting our communities. That cut is expected to save Kentuckians \$625 million this year alone, while another cut will provide more relief in 2024. It is not all good news as emergency expenditures caused the state to miss the target for a cut in 2025. However, it looks like we will remain on track to eliminate the tax entirely and now have evidence that the tax cuts will not endanger necessary government programs. In other words, we may be slowing down to assess the situation, but you can be sure we are not losing our momentum. In 2022, lawmakers passed HB 8, a historic tax modernization package that included provisions to eliminate the state’s individual income tax gradually over time. As the House Vice Chair of Appropriations and Revenue, I understood the impact that cutting income taxes could bring to Kentuckians, therefore I signed on to HB 8 as a co-sponsor. That measure required that certain conditions be met before the tax could be decreased in increments of half a percent. The first condition, sometimes called a trigger, requires our Budget Reserve Trust Fund to have enough money in it to equal 10% or more of General Fund revenues from the previous year. The budget reserve is our state’s savings account, designed to prepare us for hard times and opportunities. That condition was met and far exceeded as the legislature has placed a historic amount in the fund over the past few years. The second condition requires the state’s revenues to at least equal state appropriations plus the cost of a 1% reduction in the individual income tax rate. In simple terms, that means the state needed to bring in around \$1.2 billion more than the legislature appropriated for the fiscal year that ended in June before another tax cut can be considered. The state met both conditions at the end of the last two fiscal years. Since we met the triggers, I sponsored HB 1 during the 2023 Regular Session. The measure lowers the state’s individual income tax to 4% as of January 2024 and codified the January 1, 2023 decrease from 5% to 4.5%. However, while we had a historic surplus of more than \$1.5 billion and strong state revenue, the state fell \$435 million short of the goal required. From reviewing the information provided by the budget director’s office and our own budget staff, we know one of the biggest contributing factors was emergency response spending after the horrific flooding in Eastern Kentucky and other emergency spending by the executive branch. Emergencies require a state response, but we will be reviewing the spending to determine if the money was spent appropriately. After all, we can look no further than the more than \$20 million in emergency funding used by the governor to set up field hospitals in Lexington and Louisville during the pandemic. They were built without evidence they were needed, and neither ever housed a single patient. We will also continue our work to craft another budget that places our state’s needs before the wants of those who believe that government should be bigger. In the meantime, the bottom line is that the plan is working. We are on track to eliminate Kentucky’s individual income tax, and we are doing so without endangering the necessary programs that Kentuckians depend on. The plan was crafted thoughtfully and intentionally, and careful consideration was given to including the conditions in order to exercise an abundance of caution. Despite this fact, there were some who fought the tax cuts, including the governor when he vetoed part of the bill.

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