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Republican House, Senate, Governor Pass 2nd On-Time, No-Tax Budget

The Senate and House Republicans (by and large) gave final approval to the FY 2012-13 General Fund budget-- [Senate Bill 1466](#) (Corman-R-Centre)-- a day early touting the \$27.67 billion spending plan as another no-tax, on-time budget.

House Democrats said the budget does not do enough to restore funding for education, address the state's transportation infrastructure needs nor supports the Commonwealth's neediest citizens, especially when the Independent Fiscal Office projects there will be an additional \$400 million in state tax revenue for the coming year.

The overall spending of \$27,656,381 is an increase of \$470,728,000 over FY 2011-12 and over the \$27.1 billion budget Gov. Corbett proposed in February.

The final budget restores cuts to environmental programs proposed by Gov. Corbett-- \$38 million for the Keystone Recreation, Parks and Conservation Fund, \$20 million for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program and \$6 million for the Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Fund.