

# 'State of Pa.' to examine budget crisis

WVIA-TV's "State of Pennsylvania" will look at the financial crisis affecting the commonwealth at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The state currently has a \$2.3 billion budget deficit and the volatile economy is expected to increase the already severe shortfall.

Gov. Ed Rendell's budget has been cut by \$500 million and further cuts of \$101 million are expected.

WVIA correspondent Suzanne Kelly will host state Sen. Robert Mellow, D-22, of Scranton and Sen. Jay Costa, D-43, of Allegheny County for

the hour-long, live show.

The senators will address concerns related to the budget and will comment on how the remaining funds will be allocated.

Anyone interested in being part of WVIA's live studio audience can call 602-1150 or visit [www.wvia.org](http://www.wvia.org).

Viewers may call in questions during the show at 1-800-326-9842 or submit them online at [www.wvia.org](http://www.wvia.org).

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