

Note: *"The idea is that if people have a different way to go about this, let's have those conversations."*
– Budget Director Tim Keen

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Kasich to lawmakers: I want to cut taxes - tell me how ***\$63.2B budget plan under debate***

By Ann Sanner

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —Ohio Gov. John Kasich wants to cut tax rates on incomes and small businesses, and his administration is open to suggestions from lawmakers about how to do it, the state's budget director said Tuesday.

Budget Director Tim Keen said in an interview with The Associated Press that based on discussions he's had with legislative leaders, he believes the income tax cuts will remain in the budget.

His comments come as the Republican-controlled Ohio House is preparing its changes to Kasich's \$63.2 billion two-year state budget proposal.

Kasich, a Republican, campaigned in 2010 on a pledge to reduce Ohio's income tax. With re-election just a year away, this budget is where that will need to happen.

Kasich's plan would lower the state's income tax 20 percent over three years and reduce the tax rates on consumer sales and small businesses. He's proposed doing so by raising the severance tax on large-scale oil and gas drilling and by applying sales taxes to a new list of services as varied as those offered by lawyers, accountants, amusement parks and rock concerts.

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