State government pumps economy

Loyal car dealer Eric Lane remembers when times were very tight for state government a little more than a decade ago. "But this time it was different. This time it was the state government that was running a deficit." "It got to the point where state lawmakers were discussing the need to increase state revenue by as much as $250 million. And that's why the state legislature had to pass a new budget."

This year, state lawmakers are facing a difficult task in addressing the state's fiscal challenges. The state budget for the current fiscal year is $1.2 billion, and the governor has proposed an additional $50 million in spending. However, the state's economy is still struggling, with unemployment rates remaining high. The state has been forced to cut back on services, and many state employees have been furloughed. This has had a ripple effect on the state's economy, as businesses have been forced to cut back on their own spending.

The state government is also facing pressure from the federal government to address the state's budget deficit. The federal government has threatened to cut off funds if the state does not address its fiscal problems. This has put the state government in a difficult position, as it is already struggling to meet its current budget needs.

Despite these challenges, the state government remains committed to addressing the state's fiscal problems. The governor has proposed a series of budget cuts, and state lawmakers are working to find ways to address the state's deficit. However, the state's economy remains uncertain, and it remains to be seen whether the state government will be able to address its fiscal problems in the near future.

If you look around at what has happened in the last couple years in downtown Baton Rouge, you see a significant rise in property values. You see buildings that have been abandoned either being torn down or renovated. Old buildings are being renovated.

-- Mark Drennen, commissioner of administration on the state’s efforts to consolidate operations in the downtown area.

State government employees sort and open mail in the operations center at the Louisiana Department of Revenue, Florida Boulevard at Ardenvor. State government jobs are a key factor in the Baton Rouge area economy.

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