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## **South Carolina ETV and Public Radio to host live taping of *South Carolina Lede* podcast with House Speaker Murrell Smith**

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV), in partnership with the [ETV Endowment of South Carolina](#), will host a live taping of the [South Carolina Lede](#) podcast and [This Week in South Carolina](#) featuring Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives Murrell Smith. The event will take place at the SCETV studio in Columbia on Thursday, Jan. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. Speaker Smith will join host Gavin Jackson to preview the upcoming legislative session, which begins on Jan. 14.

The *South Carolina Lede* is a podcast that explores the people and issues shaping South Carolina state politics. In-depth discussions about public policy topics around the state can be heard on the *South Carolina Lede* podcast with two episodes released each week. In addition to hosting the *South Carolina Lede*, Jackson serves as a SCETV news and political reporter, as well as the anchor of *This Week in South Carolina*, a weekly public affairs program that highlights the state's political leaders, news and policymakers. *This Week in South Carolina* airs Fridays at 7:30 p.m. on ETV-HD.

Speaker Murrell Smith has represented South Carolina's 67th House District since 2001 and has served as Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives since 2022. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law and a co-founding member of Smith Robinson Law Firm.

This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. Early [registration](#) is strongly encouraged. Additional South Carolina political and public policy coverage can be viewed on SCETV and listened to on SC Public Radio. Live, real-time feeds of House and Senate sessions are available for viewing each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on ETV World during the legislative session and online via the [SCETV website](#).

### **QUOTES**

“At SCETV, we are proud to provide a platform for important conversations about the future of our state. Hosting Speaker Murrell Smith for this event is an exciting opportunity to hear firsthand from one of our state's most influential political leaders as we look ahead to the 2025 legislative session. This event underscores SCETV's ongoing commitment to fostering civic engagement, ensuring public access to critical discussions and highlighting the key issues that shape South Carolina's future. By bringing together leaders, experts and the public, we continue to demonstrate the value of public media in promoting informed dialogue and strengthening our communities.” **–SCETV President and CEO Adrienne Fairwell**

“As a public media organization, SCETV is committed to fostering informed dialogue and offering the people of South Carolina access to the key issues and decision-makers that impact our communities. We're excited to welcome Speaker Murrell Smith to our studio for this live taping of the *South Carolina Lede* podcast and *This Week in South Carolina*. This event is a great example of SCETV's ongoing dedication to delivering valuable content that helps our viewers and listeners stay engaged and informed.” **–SCETV Assistant General Manager/Deputy Director Dr. Stephanie Cook**

“Transparency and open dialogue are essential to a healthy democracy, and SCETV continues to provide a platform where South Carolinians can engage with the issues that shape their lives. By hosting Speaker Murrell Smith for this event, we're offering the public a unique opportunity to hear his perspective ahead of the legislative session. This event underscores SCETV's ongoing commitment to government transparency



and keeping citizens informed about the decisions that impact our state.” –**SCETV Director of Government Transparency and Public Affairs Aimee Crouch**

“I’m excited to welcome Speaker Murrell Smith to the *South Carolina Lede* and *This Week in South Carolina* for this special live taping. As we prepare for the 2025 legislative session, it’s a unique opportunity for our listeners to hear directly from one of the key figures shaping our state’s future. At SCETV, we are dedicated to providing meaningful conversations that connect South Carolinians with the issues and leaders who impact their lives, and this event is a perfect example of that commitment in action.” –***South Carolina Lede* and *This Week in South Carolina* Host Gavin Jackson**

#### **FAST FACTS:**

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- The event will take place on Jan. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at the SCETV studio located at 1041 George Rogers Blvd. in Columbia.
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#### **About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio**

South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) is the state's public educational broadcasting network. SCETV amplifies South Carolina voices, provides educational experiences and strengthens communities, while working toward creating a stronger, more connected and informed South Carolina. In addition to airing local programs, such as *Carolina Classrooms*, *Making It Grow*, and *This Week in South Carolina*, SCETV also presents multiple programs to regional and national audiences, including *By The River*, *After Action*, *Reconnecting Roots*, *Reel South*, *Somewhere South*, *Yoga in Practice* and *How She Rolls*. In addition, SC Public Radio produces the national radio production, *Chamber Music from Spoleto Festival USA*.

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