

Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:

1. Name:

Tony Brown

2. What is the office seat you are running for and in what district is that seat?

Kansas House, 10th District

3. **FEDERAL RESEARCH INITIATIVES** - Do you support recruiting large-scale federal research initiatives to Kansas, such as the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility which several state stakeholders are currently trying to recruit to Manhattan, Kansas? If yes, how involved should the Kansas legislature be in these recruitment efforts? Do you feel the state of Kansas has assembled the right kind of coalition to go after projects of this magnitude?

I very much support recruiting federal research initiatives to Kansas and would support aggressive involvement by the legislature in recruitment efforts. I am persuaded that the appropriate coalition has been established for these efforts, but it needs continued support from state officials.

4. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - At what level of funding do you support the following state-funded economic development agencies, programs and incentives?

	Increase Funding	Maintain Funding	Decrease Funding	Eliminate Funding
Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA)	-	Selected	-	-
Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC)	-	Selected	-	-
Angel Investor Tax Credits	-	Selected	-	-
Research & Development Tax Credits	-	Selected	-	-
Business Machinery & Equipment Tax Credits	-	Selected	-	-
High Performance Incentive Program (HPIP) Investment Tax Credits	-	Selected	-	-
HPIP Training & Education Tax Credits	-	Selected	-	-

5. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Using your answers to the economic development funding question above as a guide, please explain your rationale for either increasing, maintaining, decreasing or eliminating funding for each agency, program or incentive. Also, please use the space below to explain any new program/incentive ideas you may wish to introduce or how you plan on reallocating resources.

KBA - I am concerned that investments in the KBA are appropriate, but believe it will be difficult to increase funding during the next legislative session.

KTEC - The same reasoning applies here - investments in KTEC are worthwhile, but will be difficult to increase at the current time.

Angel tax credits - I support tax credits to the extent that there is evidence that they promote growth and income beyond their costs. Because I do not know the status of these programs, I would support maintenance of current funding.

6. **STEM CELLS** - During the 2008 Kansas legislative session, legislators did not engage in much stem cell research or definition discussion, while in other states (such as Missouri), the topic seemed to dominate their legislative session. Do you feel that stem cell definitions and guidelines should be determined at the federal level or at the state level?

I support stem cell research and believe that other states, as you suggest, are actively legislating around federal limitations on this research. While I personally believe that guidelines in this area should be determined at the federal level, the political reality is that these guidelines are occurring in states.

7. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION - Do you support helping to establish guidelines for intellectual property (IP) protection for bioscience companies who wish to partner and engage in research projects with Kansas' research universities?

Such guidelines are critical to the success of bioscience research projects. So I would fully support establishment of intellectual property guidelines.

8. BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY GROWTH - What are one or two areas where you feel you could impact the growth of the biosciences industry in Kansas?

I do not have personal expertise in the biosciences industry, but will be an enthusiastic supporter of future funding and legislative assistance for the growth of biosciences in Kansas.