

Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:

1. Name:

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

Kansas House of Representatives, 69th 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?

Yes. The Kansas Legislature should provide support through resolutions and appropriating funding for the expenses incurred during the promotion and provide the necessary incentives to attract such a facility to Kansas. Yes.

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.

We must at least maintain funding if we do not wish to slide backward with the economic gains that we have made. It is one of the ways in which we can invest in the future economy of Kansas. I would have said increase funding, but knowing that we have difficult days ahead, I believe just maintaining funding has the potential of being a difficult struggle. My main focus is to ensure that we continue to fund education at least close to what was set in statute a few years ago in response to a lawsuit. I prefer continuing to allocate funds for the out-year so school districts can plan ahead. Also, it is, in my opinion, imperative that we ensure that our most vulnerable citizens are not placed on waiting lists for critical services.

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 would prefer that such definitions and guidelines be determined at the federal level. In that way there is a consistency which exists. I cannot believe that a 'hodgepodge' of definitions and guidelines would be positive for businesses despite their size or focus. On the other hand, if the federal government fails to set those guidelines and definitions for stem cell research then states may need to do so, but my preference is that the federal government be the level at which such a decision is made.

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?

Yes.

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 am not certain what is meant by this question. Since the biosciences are not my field of expertise, I would not be able to directly contribute to the intellectual component of growing the bioscience industry in the state, but I can and will be supportive of legislation which encourages the bioscience industry to invest in Kansas and which satisfies the need for various incentives which are generally needed by any major industry which comes to the state.