

**Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:**

1. Name:

William R. Prescott

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

State Representative 59th 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 be supportive and see that private business and new technology get together without undue government regulation. We have the resources and people in Kansas, I'm not sure if they are assembled at this time, but they should be.

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)	<b>Selected</b>	-	-	-
Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC)	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
Angel Investor Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
Research & Development Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
Business Machinery & Equipment Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
High Performance Incentive Program (HPIP) Investment Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
HPIP Training & Education Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-

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.

Investing in expanding the tax base provides increased revenue to support future funding, it self perpetuates. An incentive program based on job creation, weighted toward our rural areas would be a wish list item.

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?

Stem cell defining and guidelines should come from the federal level, however, I don't believe we can wait on them. The State should be proactive and initiate state legislation to begin the discussion.

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?

Some type of protection should be afforded to those willing to make the investment in research and development.

8. **BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY GROWTH** - What are one or two areas where you feel you could impact the growth of the

biosciences industry in Kansas?

Encouraging our Kansas research centers to make Bioscience Industry development a priority and by not restricting the industry with a lot of undue red tape and regulation would be the least we could do.