

Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:

1. Name:

Anthony Hensley

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

Kansas Senate District 19

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. As a member of the National Bio- and Agro- Defense Facility (NBAF) Working Group, I have had the opportunity to meet with local and national decision-makers on the NBAF site evaluation and selection process.

With deep ties to agriculture, medical and veterinary science expertise, strong public support, and central location, Kansas offers a number of inherent strengths that would benefit the new National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility.

As the premier bio-security research laboratory in the country, our researchers would help stop the world's most complex human and animal diseases, including potential biological attacks by terrorists and deadly outbreaks, such as foot-and-mouth disease.

Nationally, Kansas is known for its scientific assets and expertise in animal diseases, making it extremely well-suited to oversee the safety and security of our state's and nation's food supply. Locally, Kansans have embraced the NBAF as part of an urgently needed effort to modernize homeland security facilities and research to ensure public health.

Kansas is poised to answer this important national challenge and I believe we should make every effort to attract NBAF to Kansas.

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.

I would support maintaining funding for all of these economic development agencies, programs and incentives.

Kansas tax collections for May were \$51 million below projections, an estimated 8 percent decrease. While our state's economy is still in fairly good shape, our previous economic growth is slowing down and we will be faced with difficult budget decisions in our future. It will take a strong effort on the part of the legislature just to keep adequate funding flowing to these vital economic development initiatives in the coming years.

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 definitions and guidelines should be determined at the federal level.

When neighboring states, such as Missouri, have held legislative discussions on stem cell research definitions, the outcome has typically been very restrictive upon the bioscience industry.

I would support leaving this issue up to our U.S. Congress so that private research isn't prohibited and Kansas' emerging bioscience industry can continue to grow.

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?

I would support helping to establish guidelines for intellectual property for bioscience companies partnering with Kansas' research universities.

One of the missions of the state government as set out by the Kansas Constitution is to promote intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement through the establishment of educational research institutions.

Much of that mission, and the future of our state, will be shaped by advances in the area of health care and biosciences. To protect these advancements, we must also protect the leading edge treatments, cures and life sciences research that our higher education and bioscience professionals develop.

By protecting intellectual property rights, the legislature can continue to facilitate and support the education, research and public service activities that these valuable relationships would generate.

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

Although still in its infancy, Kansas' bioscience industry has the opportunity to become a world-leader in innovation and research.

Although well-intended, state legislatures often place unnecessary limits on the bioscience industry that restrict growth advancement. If re-elected, it is my intent to try to help meet the needs of the bioscience industry without enacting legislation that would put undue burdens on a developing field.