

Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:

1. Name:

Rep. Tom Hawk

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

House 67th

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. We passed several resolutions to support this win unanimous vote on most of the bills. We also approved a \$100m bond for the project. I think Tom Thornton and the team he has assembled has done a great job. I worked closely with the Manhattan Chamber group.

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	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 - At least maintain and increase if we get NBAF so we can expand private business along the animal health corridor.

Business M E - We are looking at some tough budget years with the national economy.

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?

If we had a reasonable policy at the Federal level that allowed work like the Stowers Institute, I'm supportive. Otherwise, we need to make sure we support good science that could lead to critical cures and not be too restrictive.

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, but the universities need to get a good business deal with an income stream also.

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

1. Supportive legislation for KBA, continuing KEGA work.
2. Fund higher education so we can have partnerships with various bioscience industries.