

Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:

1. Name:

Gene Rardin - Representative District 16

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

I am running for re-election as Kansas State Representative - District 16

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, I do support such recruiting...I think the Legislature can offer support by funding such recruiting initiatives and supporting them by resolution and or legislation when appropriate.

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.

My answers are meant to be taken as generally supporting efforts to increase economic development via science and technology. At this stage of the budgeting process, I don't think it's possible to offer detailed recommendations for 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 would prefer stem cell definitions be at the Federal Level and I support a definition which encourages embryonic stem cell research.

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?

Probably 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 believe my support of embryonic stem cell research can have an impact. Also, my willingness to consider increased funding for economic development in those areas would be useful.