

Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:

1. Name:

Karin Brownlee

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

Kansas Senate, District 23

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?

I definitely support the effort to attract NBAF to Kansas. With the Bioscience Authority, we are beginning to attract an increase in federal funds for research to Kansas. Kansas has put together the best package for the NBAF application. The Legislature's support for bonding for this project was appropriate. Allowing the team to continue to do their work on this project is probably best rather than more extensive involvement by legislators.

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 |
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| 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.

Given the tight economy we are experiencing, we will do well to maintain funding; increases are unlikely. I have been working with a number of Chamber of Commerce people to rewrite some of our incentives, esp. those which are primarily tax credits. This would include going a different direction with HPIP and possibly looking to expand IMPACT. The goal would be to convert incentives to cash gifts of some type to become more competitive w/ states who offer cash.

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?

Each state should probably determine their position on embryonic stem cell research. Kansas has addressed this in the Bioscience Authority act which passed in 2004. We do not need to change our current position.

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; if we do not have adequate guidelines at this time.

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

There has been some talk of adding more accountability to the KBA. We should continue to monitor the KBA but I do not think we need to create additional oversight. One area to impact the growth is to not burden the field with excessive oversight. I hope that the field continues to grow as it has over the past four years. Kansas is now being recognized for our strengths in this area.