

2007 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY RESULTS

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State Representative DAVID BLY

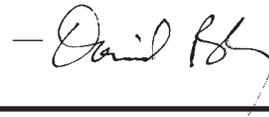
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I want to share with you the results of the 2007 questionnaire. The responses from over 400 residents will help me to better represent all the people of House District 25B. To everyone who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire – thank you!

As your State Representative, I am committed to working hard on your behalf at the Capitol. Please feel free to contact me whenever you have questions or special concerns. It is an honor to serve as your Representative in the Minnesota House.



1) Please mark the top three issues that are most important to you:

Note: Answers will add up to more than 100% since multiple answers were allowed

Lower health care costs and increase coverage	68%
Increase funding for K–12 and Early Childhood education	56%
Encourage investment in renewable energy	47%
Restore and preserve Minnesota’s environment and natural resources	40%
Make a significant investment in road and transit	26%
Permanent property tax relief	32%
Reduce tuition at state colleges and universities	20%

2) Should the state ensure that all children in Minnesota are covered by health insurance?

Yes	83%
Not sure	9%
No	8%

3) Should the state ensure that all Minnesotans (adults and children) are covered by health insurance?

Yes	72%
Not sure	16%
No	12%

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4) Is health insurance best provided by employers or a single-payer publicly funded system?

Single-payer	49%
Not sure	35%
Employers	16%

5) I co-authored and voted for, and Gov. Pawlenty signed, legislation that requires that 25% of Minnesota's energy come from renewable sources by 2025. Do you support additional measures designed to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and combat global climate change?

Yes	90%
Not sure	6%
No	4%

6) I have pledged to restore responsible investment levels to our educational system. What is the best way to fund these investments? (Please mark your top choice)

Closing tax loopholes and adding a new tax bracket for families making over \$400,000 per year	93%
Continued increases in tuition and fee	3%
Continued increases in property taxes	2%
Cuts to essential public services	2%

7) Do you support a statewide smoking ban?

Yes	72%
No	18%
Not sure	10%

8) Despite passage of the transportation amendment, Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Revenues are expected to be down. Experts predict that the state is still tens of millions of dollars short in transportation funding. What, if anything, should the state do? (Please choose one option)

Raise the gas tax	56%
Consider other revenue options to fill the funding gap	25%
Use general fund or budget surplus money to fill the hole, even if it means sacrificing new investments in other areas	17%
Continue to let our transportation system deteriorate	2%