

# Rep. Mike Beard

## 2013 Legislative Survey Results

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1. The state currently owes \$801 million to school districts across the state. Which option do you prefer?

Pay back the schools now and delay additional increases in funding

74.55%

Increase education funding now and delay paying back the money owed to schools

11.83%

2. Gov. Dayton has proposed lowering the sales tax rate from 6.875% to 5.5%, but also broadening the sales tax to clothing over \$100, services like haircuts and auto repairs, over-the-counter medications, and many other goods and services. This proposal would raise 5.6 billion dollars in tax revenue, which would be used to fund additional education, health care, and local government aid spending. Do you support this proposal?

23.66%

Yes

64.87%

No

8.60%

Undecided

3. The Health Insurance Exchange bill proposed by legislators would tax 3.5% on insurance premiums to fund its operations in compliance with the Affordable Care Act (aka ObamaCare). Do you support this proposal?

19.71%

Yes

71.68%

No

7.89%

Undecided

4. Labor Unions and lawmakers are considering requiring private day care providers and personal care attendants to join a union. Proponents argue it will give more power to these workers to improve their wages and working conditions. Opponents say the measure is unnecessary and will increase the cost of day care and personal care services for families. Do you support the unionization of child care providers and personal care attendants?

9.32%

Yes

85.66%

No

4.30%

Undecided

5. Gov. Dayton has proposed adding a .25 percent transit tax to the 7-county metro area to go towards expanding buses and light rail. Some opponents argue Scott County would not benefit from the expanded transit lines. On the other hand, proponents argue the Twin Cities needs to continue to expand these transit options. Do you support this proposal?

35.13% Yes

54.48% No

9.68% Undecided

6. Minnesota law currently requires that 25% of our state's energy come from renewable sources by the year 2025. One proposal would add an additional 10% requirement for solar energy. Proponents of the plan argue that this technology is good for our environment and reduces our need for fossil fuels and coal. Opponents argue that solar panel technology remains too expensive and inefficient, and that the mandate would increase utility rates. Do you support an additional 10% solar mandate?

19.71% Yes

65.95% No

12.90% Undecided

7. Legislation has been introduced that would seek to create additional gun control laws in an effort to decrease gun violence. Do you support additional gun control measures?

35.13% Yes

55.20% No

9.32% Undecided

8. Later this session, it is expected that the legislature will take up the issue of marriage for same sex couples. Do you support the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act and the subsequent legalization of same sex marriage in Minnesota?

28.67% Yes

63.08% No

6.09% Undecided