

1. An Interim Committee of the SD Legislature has concluded that the funding sources for SD Technical Institutes should be specifically defined and restructured to meet the current technical training needs of the state's economy. What is your level of support for increased funding for South Dakota's Technical Institutes?

Very High	43	29%
High	68	45%
Neutral	29	19%
Low	3	2%
Very Low	3	2%
No Opinion	4	3%
Total	150	100%

2. The SD Board of Regents has proposed significant increases in funding for the modernization of South Dakota's university level science and research facilities. What is your level of support for funding of 21st Century facilities for our institutes of higher learning?

Very High	57	38%
High	65	43%
Neutral	20	13%
Low	5	3%
Very Low	1	1%
No Opinion	2	1%
Total	150	100%

3. Currently the SD Legislature limits the amount of taxes local governments can collect for the purposes of providing municipal and county government services. What is your level of support for the SD Legislature authorizing local governments to determine the amount of property, sales and special taxes they need to collect to provide services?

Very High	25	17%
High	40	27%
Neutral	42	28%
Low	27	18%
Very Low	16	11%
No Opinion	0	0%
Total	150	100%

4. What is your level of support for increasing the levels of state and local funding needed to meet the rising cost of providing a quality K-12 education?

Very High	51	34%
High	54	36%
Neutral	26	17%
Low	14	9%
Very Low	5	3%
No Opinion	0	0%
Total	150	100%

5. Considering the importance of good highways, roads, streets and bridges to South Dakota's residents and our economy and the increasing cost of maintenance and new construction, what is your level of support for increasing the state gas tax from 22 to 23 cents per gallon?

Very High	43	29%
High	55	37%
Neutral	19	13%
Low	14	9%
Very Low	19	13%
No Opinion	0	0%
Total	150	100%

6. Considering the continued growth of rural developments and the conditions of Pennington County's roads and bridges, what is your level of support for using a local option wheel tax to fund needed maintenance and improvements?

Very High	31	21%
High	40	27%
Neutral	41	27%
Low	19	13%
Very Low	14	9%
No Opinion	5	3%
Total	150	100%

7. Considering that city and county law enforcement and alcohol treatment agencies must provide the services created by the abuse of alcohol and alcohol related crimes, what is your level of support for additional taxes on alcoholic beverages, if such taxes are directed to enforcement and treatment programs?

Very High	58	39%
High	40	27%
Neutral	19	13%
Low	15	10%
Very Low	18	12%
No Opinion	0	0%
Total	150	100%

8. Do you receive healthcare benefits as a part of your compensation?

Yes	96	64%
No	54	36%
Total	150	100%

9. If you receive healthcare benefits, what changes have occurred in the past year?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Significantly Increased	Increased	Remained About The Same	Decreased	Significantly Decreased	No Change
Premium	31 28%	54 49%	19 17%	0 0%	1 1%	5 5%
Co-Pay	10 10%	30 29%	50 48%	1 1%	1 1%	12 12%
Deductible Level	11 11%	33 32%	45 44%	2 2%	0 0%	12 12%
Coverage Benefit	2 2%	12 12%	63 62%	10 10%	2 2%	12 12%

10. Please choose which of the following applies to you.

Business Owner/Operator	77	51%
Self-employed	17	11%
Employee	42	28%
Other, please specify	14	9%
Total	150	100%