

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ruth Teichman at 9:30 a.m. on January 14, 2004 in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator David Adkins- excused

Committee staff present:  
Bill Wolff, Legislative Research  
Terri Muchmore, Legislative Research  
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Nancy Shaughnessy, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Dr. Bob St. Peter, Kansas Health Institute  
Dr. Bob Day, Governor's office of Health Planning and Finance`

Others attending:  
See Attached List.

Senator Teichman opened the meeting and introduced her intern for the session, Brady Kickhaefer and then asked Dr. Wolff to introduce new Legislative Research staff member, Terri Muchmore. Ms. Muchmore will be working primarily in health and health policy. Legislative Research was able to bring Terri on board with the financial help of the Kansas Health Foundation and Kansas Health Institute.

Senator Teichman announced that the FII Committee would meet regularly during the session on Tues. Wed. And Thurs. Mornings.

Dr. St. Peter discussed a survey (Attachment 1) that was done in Kansas with initial results presented in September of 2003. KHI is a private nonprofit organization that does nonpartisan, independent research and policy analysis on the health of Kansas. The survey goal was to understand the health care concerns of Kansas and was completed by an independent scientific research firm from Harvard University. The summary of the poll results of 1000 Kansans includes:

- Noticeable level of anxiety about where health costs are going
- Majority of respondents indicated they had some level of satisfaction with current system
- 50% of respondents, currently insured, are concerned that they will not be able to afford insurance in the next six (6) months
- The majority of respondents hold insurance companies and HMO's responsible for the high cost of insurance coverage.
- Priorities of respondents felt that elderly persons prescription drugs be affordable and helping small business afford insurance coverage for employees.

Dr. Robert Day discussed the new office, Governor's Office of Health Planning and Finance (Attachment 2) and stated the funding was provided by the United Methodist Foundation, the Kansas Health Foundation and the Sunflower Foundation. Purchasing of health care services is spread across at least six state agencies and an attempt will be made to find common purchasing goals and strategies. Issues were quantified at the Governor's Health Care Round Table and through open discussion identified two significant issues, administrative costs in the system and quality of care. Reduction in administrative cost could result in a 1% savings in an expenditure of \$120 Million. Additionally the office will be reviewing:

- Single credentialing system
- emphasize increasing medicaid reimbursement to physicians
- stabilize small business cost of providing health care.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 AM  
Next Meeting scheduled on January 15, 2004

Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

Date: 1-14-04

Name:

Representing:

Mary Carol Pomatto	PSU
Monica Mayer	SRS
Teresa Schwab	Oral Health Kansas
Megan Dunn	Hein Law Firm
Rob Meyer	Hein Law Firm
Ron Seiber	Hein Law Firm
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Steve Montgomery	United Healthcare
David Jones	KID
David Hanson	Ks Insur Assn
Tom Bell	Ks. Hosp. Assn
John Peterson	"
Laura Loyacono	KS Health Institute
Larrie Ann Lower	KS Assoc. of Health Plans
Brady Kickhafer	(Senator Teichman's Intern)

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Robert F. St. Peter, M.D.  
President & CEO  
Kansas Health Institute

**Kansas Residents' Views of the  
Health System**

Harvard School of Public Health  
Kansas Health Institute  
ICR/International Communications Research  
October 2003

Senate F I & I Committee

Meeting Date: 1-14-04

Attachment No.: 1

## Methods

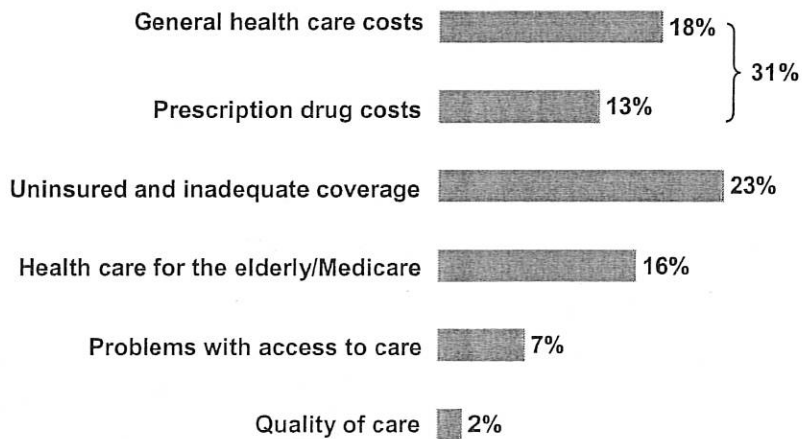
- Telephone survey of 1,006 randomly selected Kansas state residents, age 18 and older
- The interviewing period was between September 22-29, 2003
- The data was weighted to accurately reflect the demographics of the state population, as described by the US Census
- The margin of error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points

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## Most important health care issues for Kansas state government to address

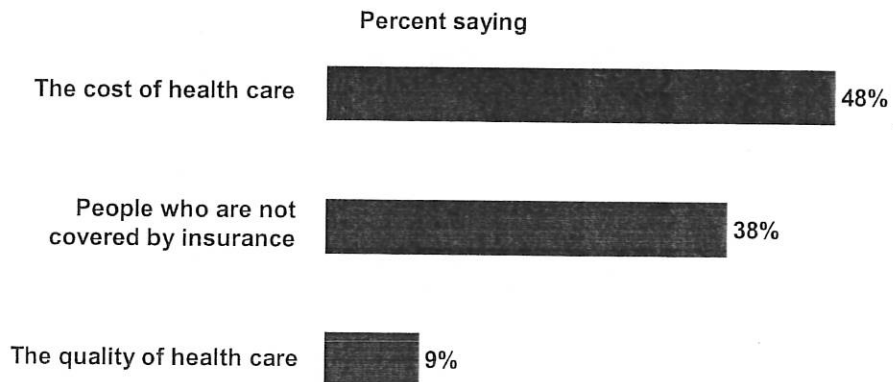
Percent saying



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## Which one do you see as the most important health care issue at the present time?

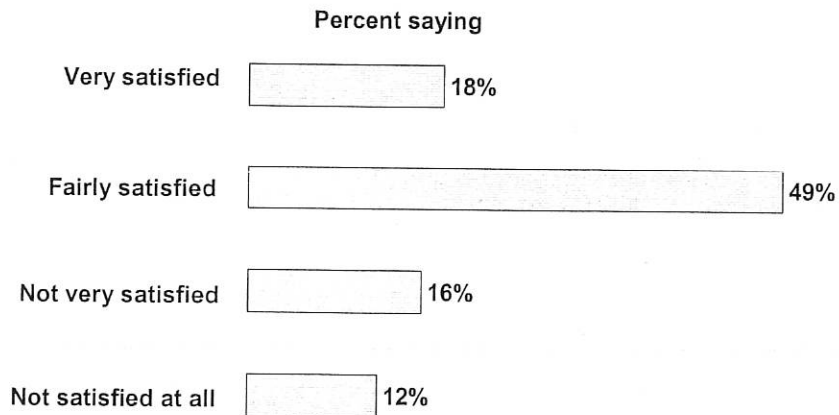


"Some other issue" and "Don't know" responses not shown

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## Satisfaction with the Kansas health care system



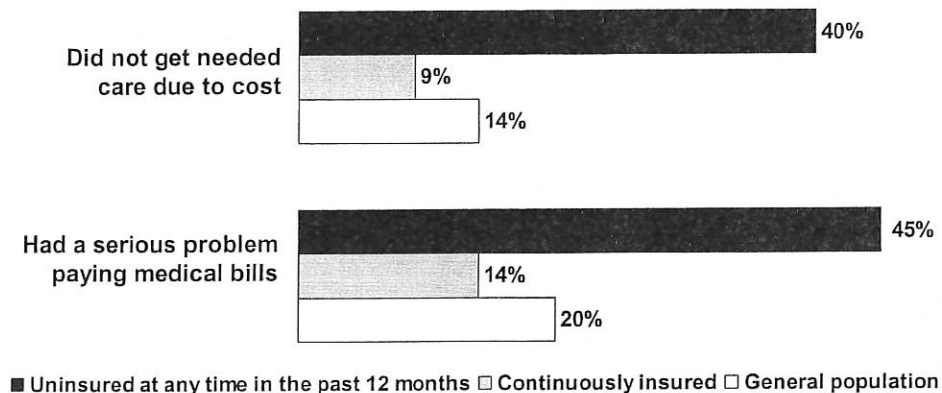
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## Problems getting or paying for medical care in the past 12 months

Percent saying



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## Worries about getting and paying for care in the future (1)

Percent saying they are worried that in the next six months...

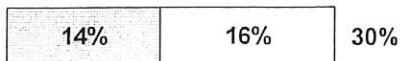
They might not be able to afford health insurance (among those currently insured)



They might not be able to afford the prescription drugs they need



They will lose their health coverage (among those currently insured)



Very worried   Somewhat worried

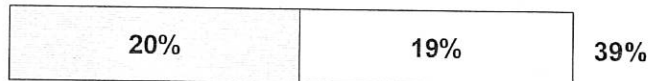
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## Worries about getting and paying for care in the future (2)

Percent saying they are worried that in the next six months they might not be able to get the health care services because they can't afford it

### Kansas



### United States\*



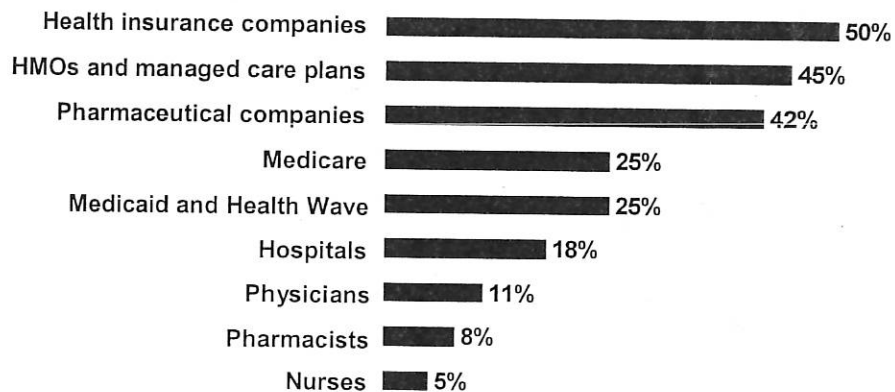
Very worried     Somewhat worried

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\*Kaiser Family Foundation/ Harvard School of Public Health, *Health News Index*, June 2003

## Who is doing a bad job serving the needs of health care consumers in Kansas?

Percent saying they are doing a bad job

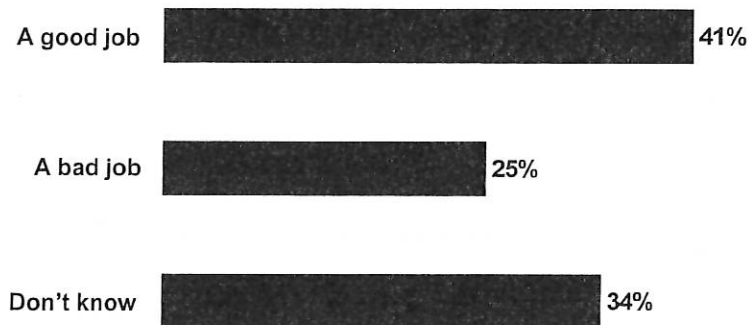


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## Kansas residents' views of Health Wave and Medicaid

Do you think they are doing a good job or a bad job in  
serving health care consumers?

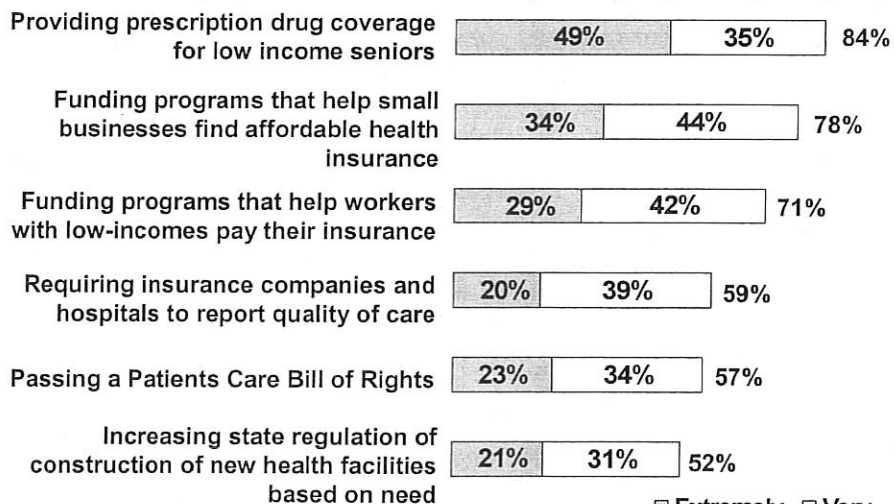


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## Priorities for the state's health care agenda

Percent saying it should be an extremely or very important priority



Extremely  Very

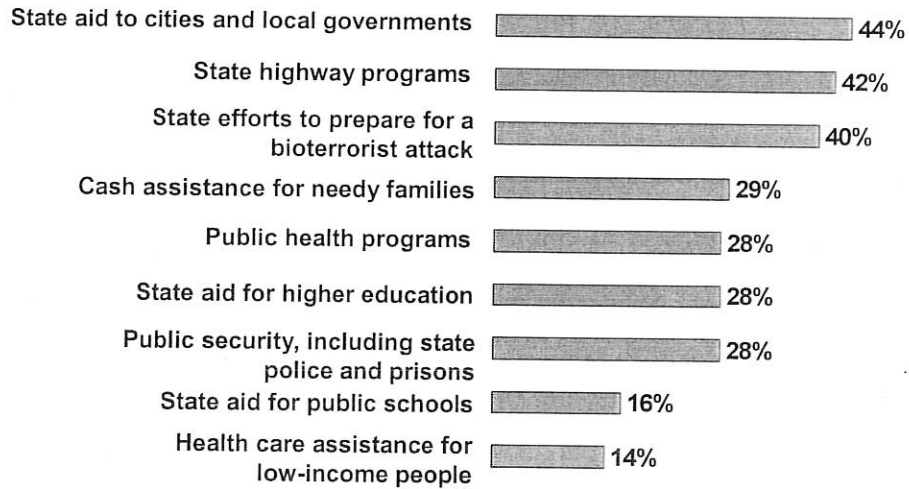
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## Budget tradeoffs

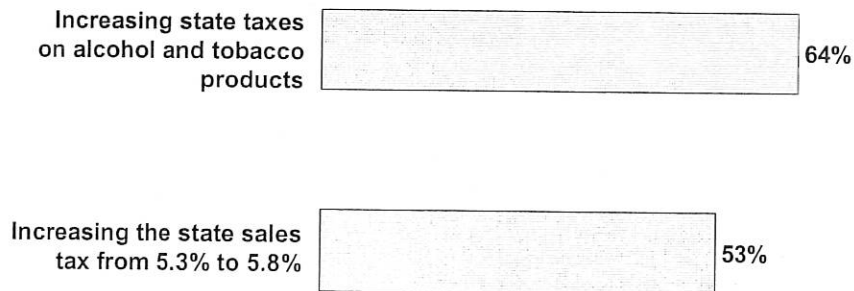
Percent saying to afford to help low income workers pay for health insurance, the state should spend less on...



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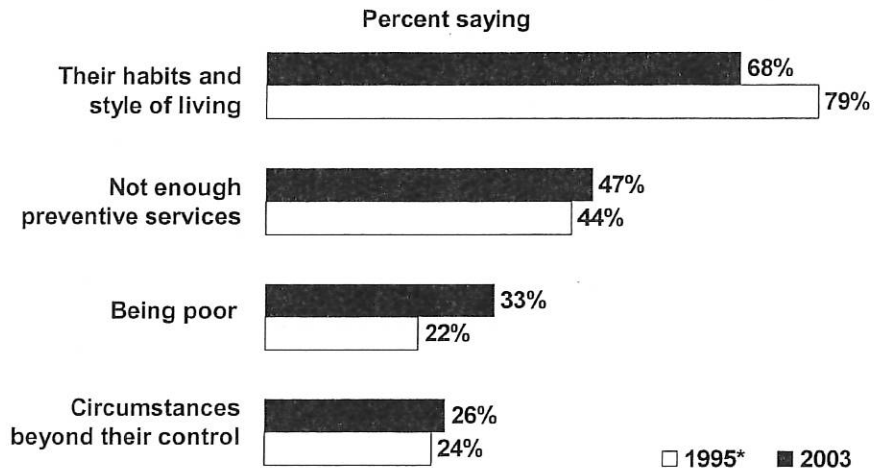
## Percent of Kansas residents supporting increased taxes to help low income workers pay for health insurance



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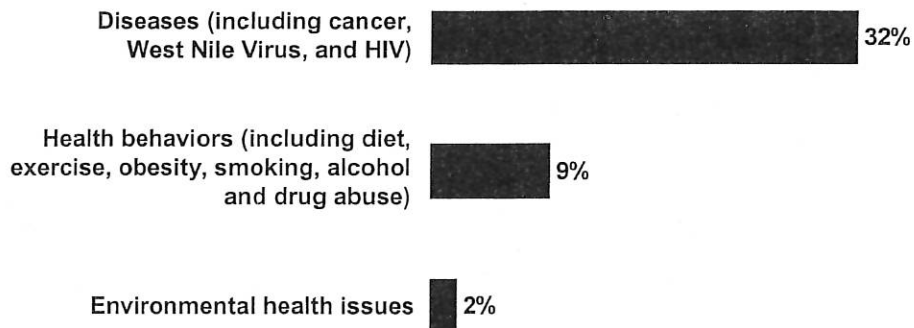
## Kansas residents' views of the top two reasons people become ill



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Kansas Health Foundation, 1995 15

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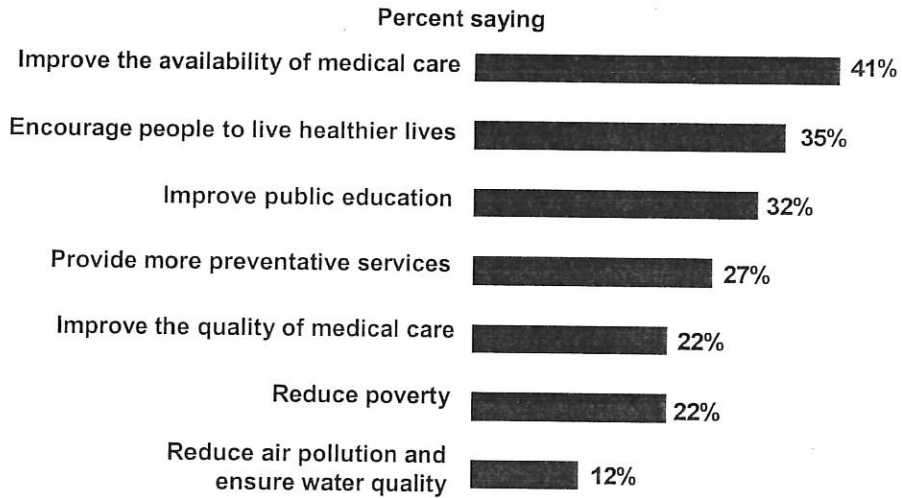
Note: 74% named health delivery issues (including cost, insurance and health professionals)

Adds to more than 100% due to rounding

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## Top two things that could improve people's health in Kansas

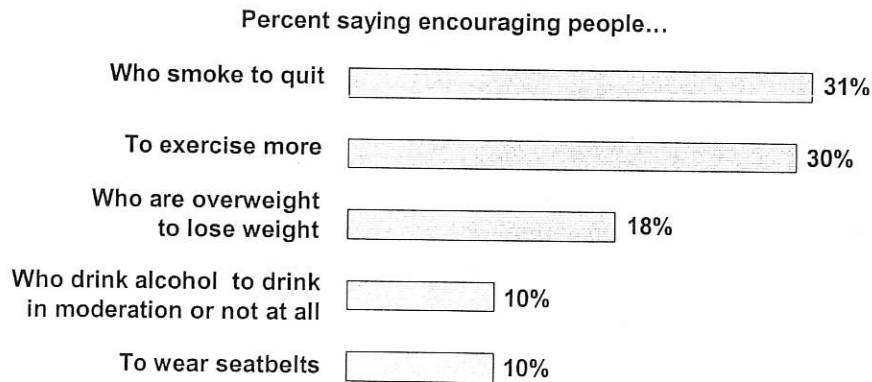


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## Most important aspect of encouraging people to live healthier lives

BASE: Those who chose "encouraging people to live healthier lives" as one of the two most important things we could do to improve people's health

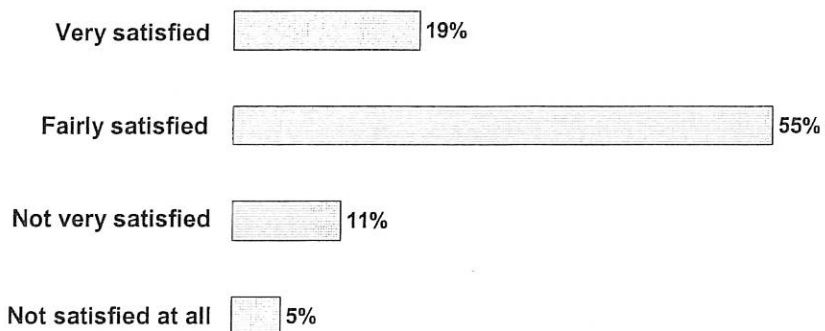


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## Satisfaction with the Kansas public health system

Percent saying they are satisfied with the state system designed to protect the community's health and stop the spread of disease



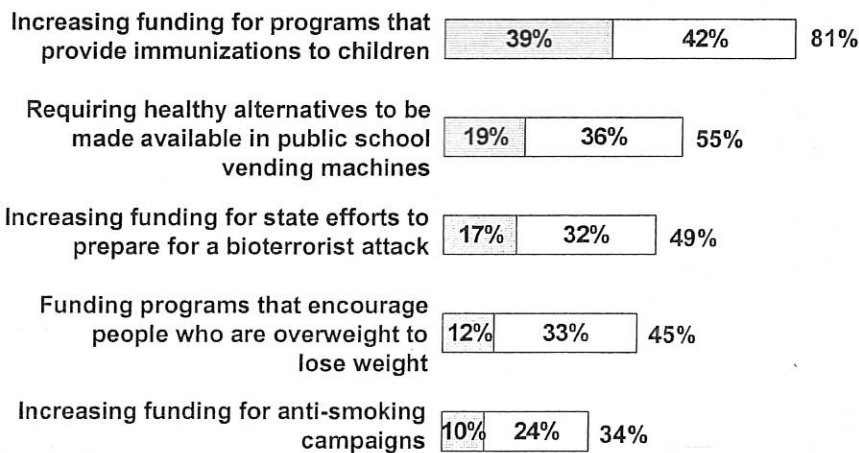
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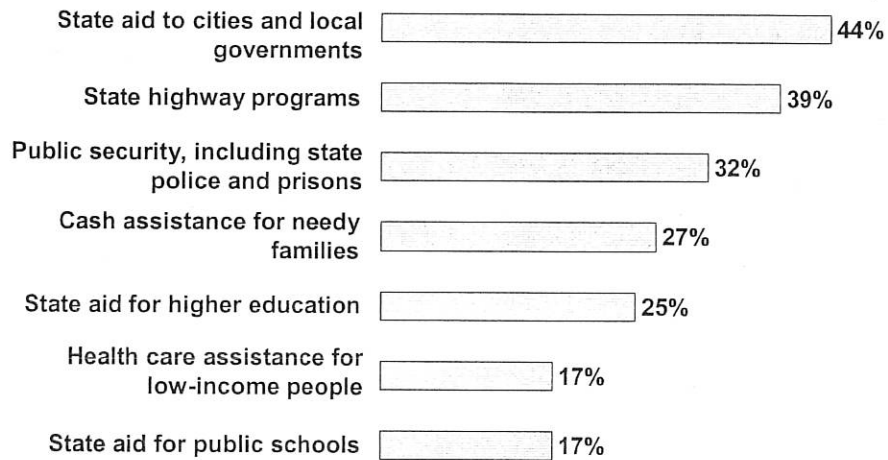
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Extremely  Very

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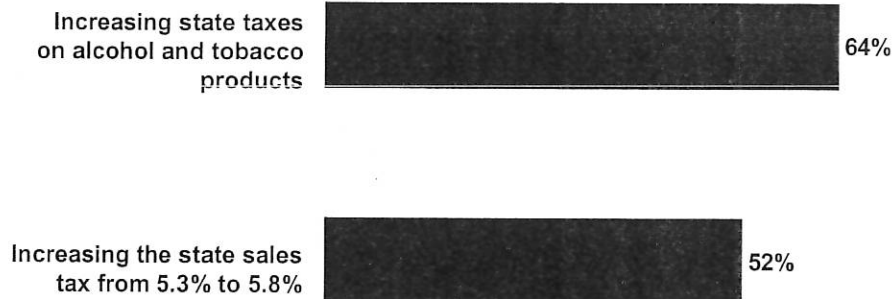
Percent saying to afford new public health programs, the state should spend less on...



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## Percent of Kansas residents favoring increased taxes to pay for new public health programs



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informed decisions*