


Governing Principles...

- We are opposed to any state income tax. The absence of a state income tax gives South Dakota an advantage in business attraction, expansion, and retention.
- We are opposed to property tax legislation that disproportionately shifts the burden to commercial property.
- We support retention of video lottery gaming.
- We support Hyperion Energy's proposed environmentally-friendly energy center. We oppose unnecessary legislation that would impede the process.
- We support alternative energy exploration and development.

2015 SOUTH DAKOTA



Legislative Agenda

87th Legislative Session

Legislative Priorities

21st Century Workforce Development

South Dakota must develop and support the skills and knowledge that will be needed by our young people in the 21st Century.

Future Fund

We support maintaining the flexibility of the Future Fund as it is an important economic development tool that the Governor can use in projects that expand the employment base in South Dakota.

REDI Fund

We support legislation that enhances or improves the flexibility of the REDI Fund as an economic development tool to meet the demands of the global business environment including technology-based businesses.

Research and Technology Transfer

We support the continued development of university-based research and technology transfer as an important strategic component in the economic development of the state of South Dakota.

Transportation

Transportation systems are significant components of economic development. Maintaining the state's infrastructure is critical. Therefore, replenishment of the state transportation fund should be a priority but any fees or license increases should remain competitive with surrounding states.

Unemployment Insurance

It is critical to have a solvent unemployment insurance fund in the state, especially in an economic downturn.

Education Funding

We support appropriate funding for K-12 and higher education, including vo-tech. There should be an emphasis on performance-based pay for teachers. We are open to exploring alternative funding sources during difficult economic times.

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