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Would you be likely to support or oppose a bill to:

Raise the sales tax

Not sure

Please explain your position:

The cost of things is simply going up and that may necessitate an increase. I think that sales tax increases are fairer than income tax increases. I would want to look and know that the state government was operating at the leanest possible level. There is so much waste that I would not want to burden the tax payers without a thorough investigation of all agencies.

Lower the sales tax

Not Sure

Please explain your position:

If the economy turns around and becomes very healthy and we see that there are surplus funds then I would certainly be in favor of this. I would want to make sure that we had returned services to a level that met our state's needs.

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I don't feel that this is a fair way to raise revenue.

Lower the income tax

Not sure

Please explain your position:

If we can find a better way to fund the needs of state government I would support lowering the income tax. Diversifying our tax base in Idaho would help to bring this about.

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Historically this type of tax does not seem to have raised much revenue.

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Support

Please explain your position:

This is one of the tools used to bring business and industry to an area. Idaho needs to be aggressive in bringing business and industry to our state.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Oppose

Collect sales tax on Internet sales by participating in the national Streamline Sales Tax Project

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I don't like the fact that we are losing revenue to business outside of Idaho. I also don't like the thought of government becoming involved in the internet. Where would we draw the line. It could become a slippery slope.

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate on tax increases

Support

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate for fee increases

Support

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to raise state government revenue

Not sure

Please explain your position:

If we are going to do this we should simply move to a flat tax.

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to lower the overall sales and/or income tax rates

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Not sure how this would play out for state revenue.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I will need to see how government spending works in Idaho. If it is like other states and the federal government though I would support.

Reduce, reform or end participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps

Support

Please explain your position:

We absolutely need to reform these systems.

Expand participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps

Oppose

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I understand from some city councils that urban renewal in Idaho has placed an undo burden on taxpayers. There are some things that are done in the name of urban renewal that should be done by new business and industry that are moving into an area.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Not sure

Reform urban renewal by limiting the projects and holding elections for urban renewal commissioners

Oppose

Please explain your position:

More government layers are not the answer.

Ban the Land Board or other government agencies from owning businesses that compete with the private sector

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Government is an unfair competitor.

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Oppose

Please explain your position:

This is an issue best left to families, not the government.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Support

Please explain your position:

Competition is a healthy thing.

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I don't support government getting involved in the private sector.

Expand school choice options in Idaho including charter schools, public schools and home schools

Oppose

Please explain your position:

These options are already in place in Idaho.

In general, I believe state government (select one):

Regulates about the right amount; I would not seek to add new regulations or eliminate existing ones

Please explain your position:

This is an outsider view. I may find that Idaho regulates too much and needs to be cut.