



REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS TUCK

2015 Constituent Survey Results

Serving Dimond Estates, Foxridge, Taku, Campbell, Northwood, and Windemere



I want to thank everyone who took the time to fill out and return my survey this year. I am very happy to have received hundreds of responses which will guide me as I work to best represent you in the Alaska Legislature.

I have compiled the results in this newsletter along with a sampling of some of the comments I received. I hope you will find this information as valuable as I do!

Chris Tuck



Rep. Chris Tuck joined parents and kids at a recent rally for education on the Capitol steps.

1. The new law makes the use and possession of one ounce or less of marijuana legal, and directs the state to tax and regulate the production, sale, and use of marijuana in Alaska. Which statement best reflects your opinion?

16 % I support legalized marijuana for legitimate medical purposes, but not for recreational use.

52% I support legalized marijuana regardless of the reason for use.

27% I do not support legalized marijuana.

5% Undecided

Sample Comments:

"We just can't let go of the 1970s can we! No greater high than fresh air!"

"Better to have a legal controlled market like is done with alcohol than no oversight..."

"Only if a medical doctor determines that the prescription would enhance the quality of life."

2. What, in your opinion, would be the best use of tax revenue from marijuana sales? (Please select one)

27% Drug prevention and treatment programs

19% Law enforcement

28% Schools and education

17% Important Infrastructure maintenance such as roads, bridges, and airports

9% Undecided

Sample Comments

"Don't think much tax money will be available. Will still be cheaper to buy black market."

"I do not think we should limit it to just one thing, some should go to Law Enforcement, some to schools and some to prevention programs."

3. One topic of discussion is the potential retail sale of marijuana “edibles.” There is a concern that marijuana infused foods such as popcorn, brownies, and candy could accidentally be ingested by children. However, edibles provide both medical and recreational users a means of ingesting marijuana without inhaling potentially harmful smoke. Which statement best reflects your opinion?

- 37%** Marijuana edibles are dangerous and send a bad message to children. They should not be produced for retail sales in Alaska.
- 56%** Marijuana edibles provide an alternative to smoking and should be allowed so long as they are not marketed to children and are sold in child-proof containers.
- 7%** Undecided.

Sample Comments

“Potheads are concerned about “inhaling potentially harmful smoke”?!”

“Keep marijuana edibles away from your dogs too!”

“Make edibles available by prescription only. Treat them like regular prescriptions available through a pharmacy.”

4. Alaska faces multi-billion dollar deficits due to a variety of factors, including plummeting oil prices and decreasing oil production. Fortunately, we have about \$10 billion in savings to help ease the blow, but we still need to make some difficult decisions. In the coming year, the Governor has proposed cutting state departments by an average of five percent.

Please select all items you feel should be protected in the budget:

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| 55% Education/Schools | 24% University of Alaska | 45% Medicare/Medicaid |
| 45% Road Maintenance | 48% Senior Benefits | 19% Labor & Workforce Development |
| 19% Fish & Game Programs | 31% Military & Veterans Affairs | 23% Environmental Conservation |
| 27% Public Transportation | 51% Law Enforcement | 10% Construction Projects |
| 15% Corrections/Prisons | 43% Fire Protection | 2% Other |

Sample Comments

“None should be protected!”

“The government’s job is education, safety and commerce infrastructure.”

“Eliminate predator control programs; namely bear-baiting and shooting wolves.”

5. The Governor has halted spending on the following proposed megaprojects within the state. Given that we have an annual deficit of at least \$3 billion and a total savings account of roughly \$10 billion, please give your opinion on whether you would cut or keep each of the following megaprojects.

- | CUT | KEEP | |
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| 72% | 28% | The Susitna Hydroelectric Dam with a projected cost of \$5.2+ billion. |
| 46% | 54% | A small in-state natural gas pipeline with a projected cost of \$7.5+ billion (<i>Note: this is different from the current active proposal to build a large diameter gas pipeline with export facility</i>). |
| 75% | 25% | The Knik Arm toll bridge with a projected cost of \$782 million. |
| 88% | 12% | The road to Juneau with a projected cost of \$578 million. |

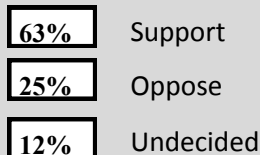
Sample Comments

“As far as smaller pipelines are concerned those should come after a larger line which potentially would be money maker.”

“Also, stop the Northern Access Road to U-Med District and return the unspent balance of the allocated \$20 million to the general fund.”

6. Recently proposed legislation would give terminally ill patients the right to choose to end their lives with the help of a physician. Terminal illness would be defined as one that has been medically confirmed, is incurable, and will within reasonable medical judgment result in death within six months. The bill would allow for the person's doctor to dispense or write a prescription for medication that would end the person's life. However, a doctor would not administer the medication; patients would take it themselves.

Do you support or oppose this legislation?



Sample Comments

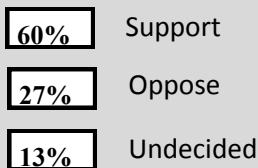
"This provides compassionate choices to patients and families dealing with end of life issues."

"Every life is sacred, from conception to natural death."

"Although our faith says otherwise, we tend to support this type of legislation."

7. A bill that would eliminate Daylight Savings Time in Alaska has been moving forward in the Legislature. Supporters of the bill say Daylight Savings Time is unnecessary and inconvenient, and cite evidence that it can harm health and leads to more traffic accidents. Opponents of the bill say it would harm commerce by causing Alaska to be an extra hour behind the Lower 48 for much of the year when the current time difference already causes difficulties.

Do you support or oppose legislation eliminating Daylight Savings Time in Alaska?



Sample Comments

"YES!!! Hate changing time - especially in AK where we have surplus daylight in summer."

"We work on EST and a change would make it more difficult to cooperate with East Coast Companies."

"Is this really a question? Who gives a rip? Focus on things that make a difference in our state."

8. Do you have any other comments or concerns you would like to share with me?

"Expand medicaid, fix the budget and get rid of some of the idiots in Juneau."

"Please continue to make the adequate funding of education a top priority. Thank you!"

"Out of state legislative travel should be limited. No more than 3 house members and 2 Senate members on any out of state trips at one time. Troopers need to keep all the drug dogs, and use them."

"Trim the fat. Lets live within our means. Lets all tighten our belts."

"I appreciate your emails and occasional knock on my door. Great job!"

"We must rebuild and protect wild salmon populations, especially king salmon. It is important to not lose our most valuable food resource."

"We think too much about today and not enough about the future."

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