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# **Public Policy Member Survey Results for 2015**

# Survey Results - Economy

## Overall Survey Results: Colorado Concern 2014 Public Policy Survey

Do you believe Colorado's economic situation will be better, the same, or worse a year from now?





Answer	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Better			22	52.3%
Worse			1	2.3%
About the same			18	42.8%
Unsure			1	2.3%
No Responses			0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>			<b>42</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Comments:

- A spilt house is a safe house.
- Lower oil prices may put a crimp on growth.
- Oil prices falling will create headwinds for Colorado economy.

# Survey Results - Economy

## Operating my business in Colorado is:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Easier than in most states			9	21.4%
Harder than in most states			10	23.8%
About the same			20	47.6%
Unsure			3	7.1%
No Responses			0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>			<b>42</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Comments:

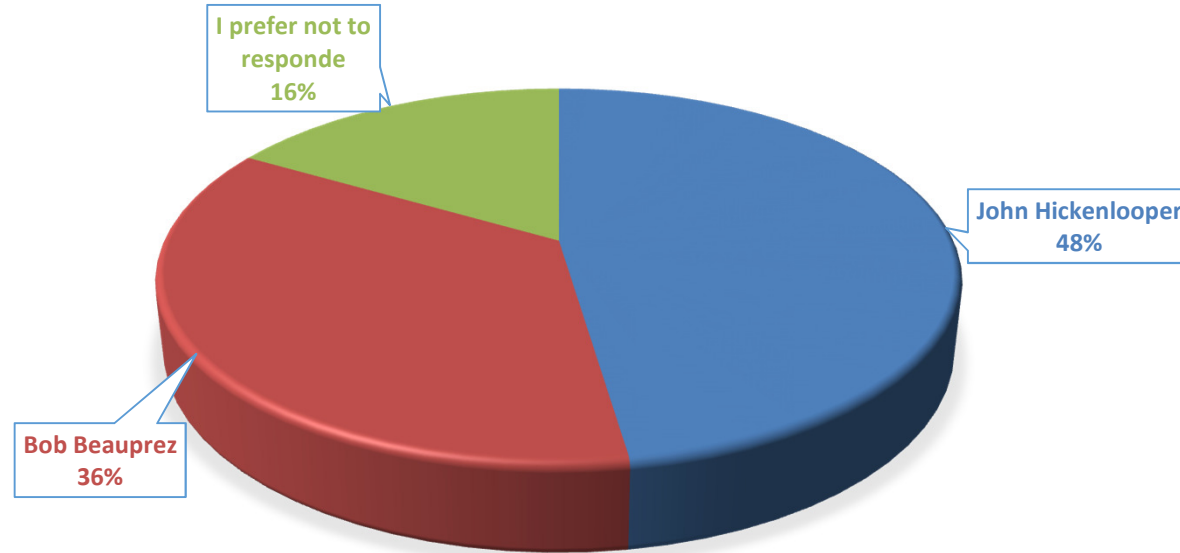
- Oil and gas frac bans remain a threat.
- Our biggest issue as a company in CO today is the limited access to a skilled construction labor pool. We have greater demand than we can build to. Our second issue is the litigation risk around the Home Owner Protection Act. From a construction standpoint, CO is the most litigious state we do business in, and that includes CA.
- My business is only in Colorado. From talking with my peers throughout the country, Colorado is easier than some, harder than others.
- Colorado has a reputation of one of the most challenging states to get land/property approvals.
- Actually harder than some states. I can't say most.



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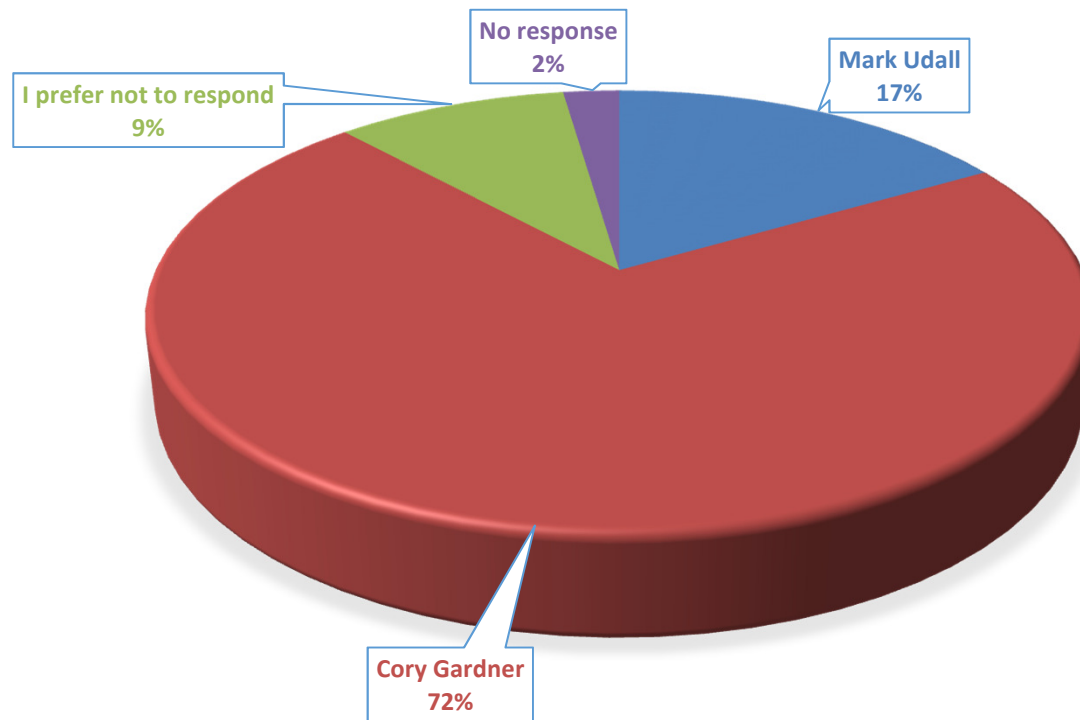
# Survey Results - Elections

THE 2014 GENERAL ELECTION JUST OCCURRED. WHOM DID YOU VOTE FOR GOVERNOR OF COLORADO?



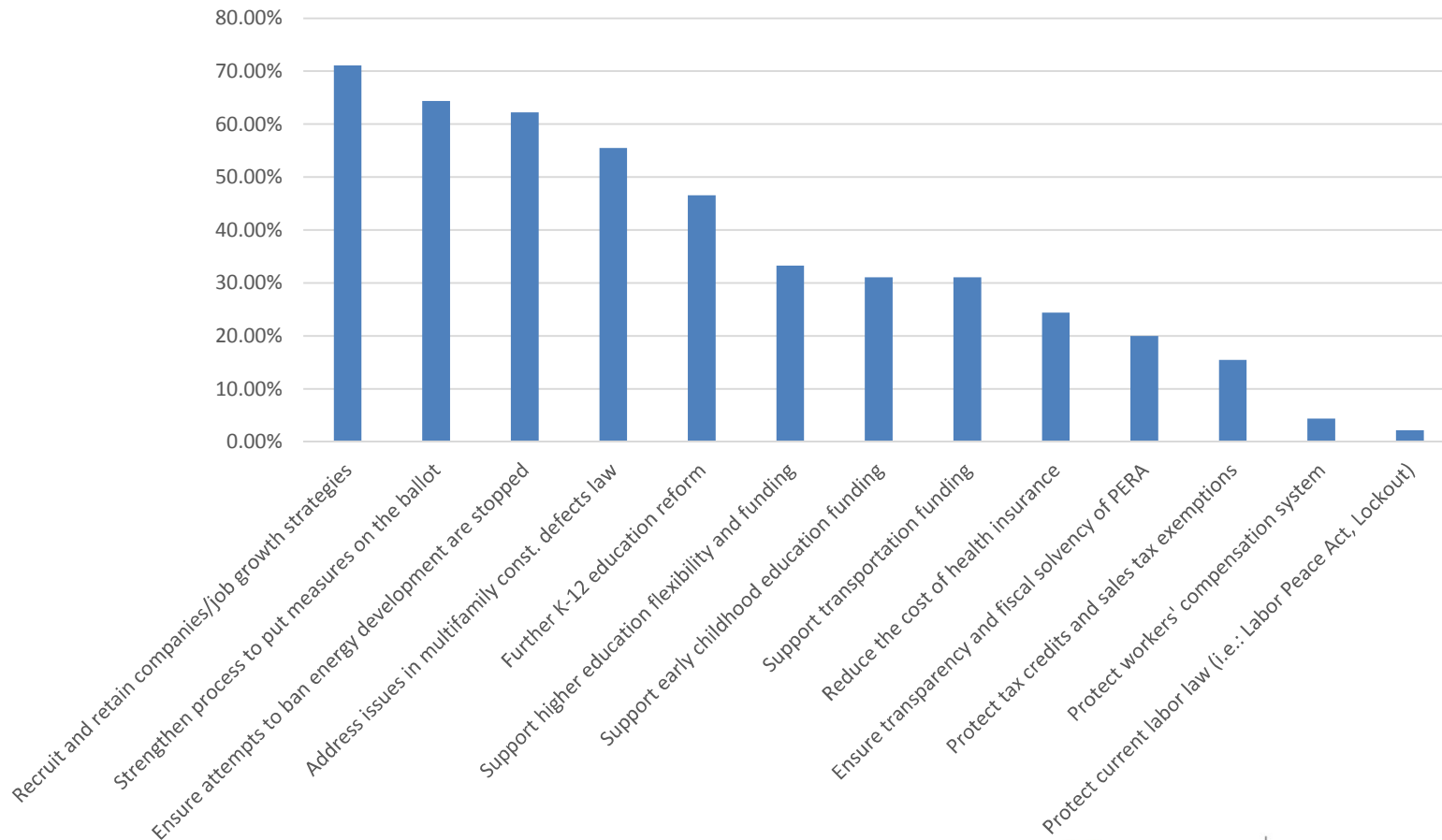
# Survey Results - Elections

WHOM DID YOU SUPPORT TO REPRESENT COLORADO IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE?



# Survey Results – Top Priorities

What are the top five state issues you would like Colorado's elected leaders to address during the upcoming legislative session? Response Ratio



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# Survey Results – Top Priorities

Colorado has a number of issues that are of importance and require attention. As resources are limited, and our focus at Colorado Concern must be keen, please rank the issues below, in priority, from your standpoint. (1 = highest priority, 7 = lowest)

Answer	Ranking Score
Protecting Colorado's business climate by stopping bad legislation, supporting measures that enhance job growth	2.7
Recruiting, vetting and electing statewide candidates who have an understanding of business issues	3
Stopping any attempt to ban energy development in Colorado, legislatively or at the ballot box	3
Increasing financial resources to programs like P-12 education, roads and bridges through a statewide ballot issue such as Referenda C&D (utilize projected TABOR rebates)	4.3
Ensuring more integrity in the state's ballot initiative system	4.4
Ensuring the K-12 education reforms passed in the last six years remain the law of the land in Colorado	5.1
Understanding PERA - the state's pension system - its operations, solvency and impact (if any) on taxpayers	6.3

# Survey Results – Top Priorities


## Comments:

- Medical/recreational marijuana laws are in conflict with federal law and efforts should be made to resolve them. In particular, the Bank Secrecy Act and Money Laundering that restrict banking services for the cannabis industry.
- Recruit and retain companies/job growth strategies.
- Eliminate term limits.
- Revising our construction defect laws to allow the market to begin building condos and townhomes that meet the needs of the millennial buyer and the baby boomer.
- Funding critical infrastructure, including statewide Internet access.
- Fostering communication between business and state elected officials and leaders.
- Address cost of health care.
- Higher ed funding.
- Funding for high quality early childhood education, care and development.
- Making sure that the statewide candidates we recruit understand the economic importance of early childhood.



# Survey Results – Health Care

Does your company currently offer health insurance to its employees?

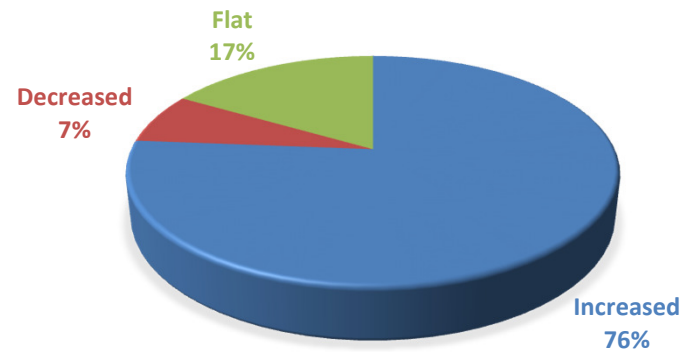
Answer	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Yes			42	100.0%
No			0	0.0%
Unsure			0	0.0%
No Responses			0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>			<b>42</b>	<b>100%</b>



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# Survey Results – Health Care

HAVE YOUR HEALTH CARE PREMIUM COSTS INCREASED OR DECREASED IN THE LAST YEAR? IF YOU KNOW THE PERCENTAGE YOUR PREMIUM COSTS HAVE GONE UP OR DOWN IN THE LAST YEAR, PLEASE LIST THAT IN THE COMMENTS SECTION.

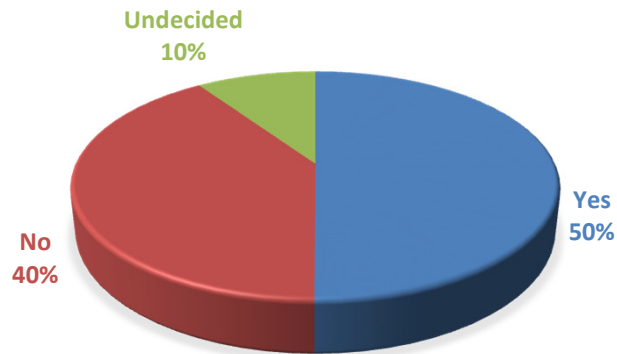


## Comments:

- 1%- 2% - 2 respondents
- 5% - 2 respondents
- 5% - 10% - 1 respondent
- 10% to 12% - 5 respondents
- Fines for "rich" plans are un-American!!! Self-insured plans need to be reinstated by the next Congressional session, without penalty.

# Survey Results – Health Care

ARE YOU MAKING CHANGES IN HOW YOU PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO YOUR EMPLOYEES BASED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT? PERCENTAGE

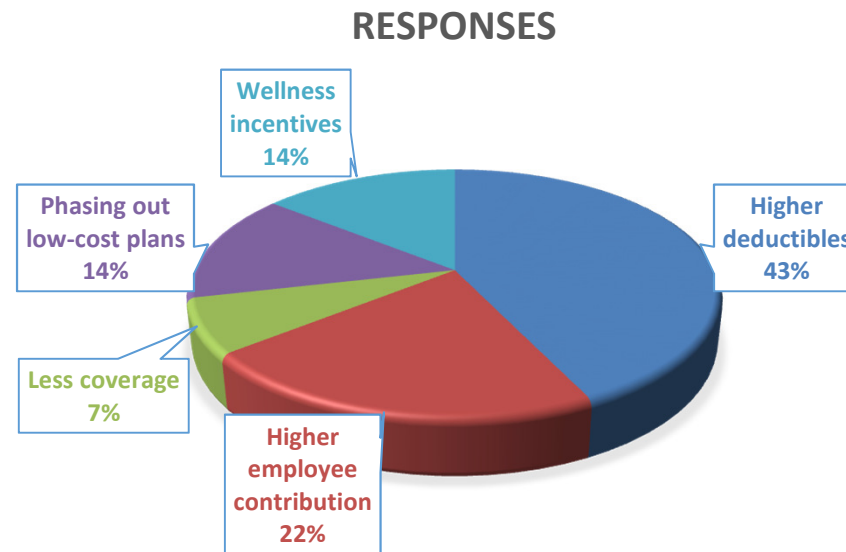


## Comments:

- We have chosen to remain grandfathered. No changes.
- Not yet.
- The full answer is "No, not yet."
- Waiting for the forced changes next year.

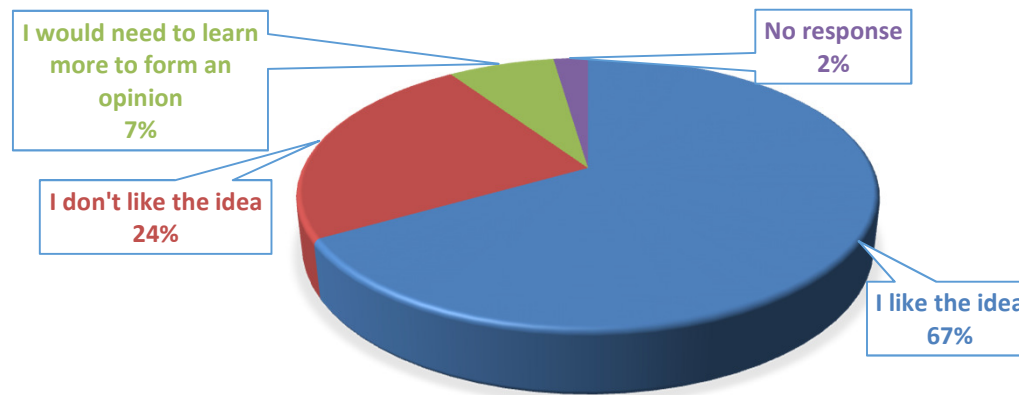
# Survey Results – Health Care

If you answered “yes” to the last question, please share what changes you are making to your health insurance coverage.



# Survey Results - Elections

SOME WOULD SAY PARTISANSHIP IS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH - BOTH IN CONGRESS AND IN STATE LEGISLATURES. ONE IDEA IS TO ALLOW VOTERS WHO ARE REGISTERED AS UNAFFILIATED TO VOTE IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS ISSUE?

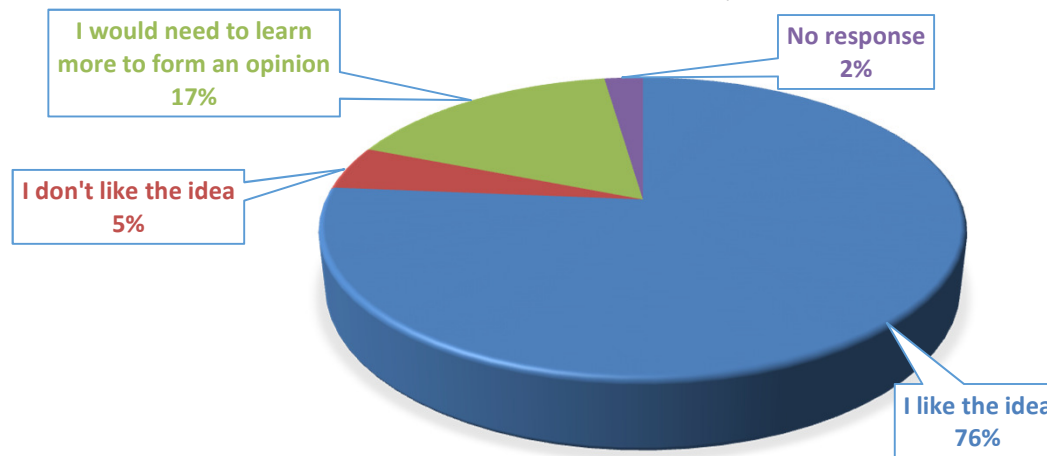


## Comments:

- Would be a disaster!
- I would like to see the whole process opened.
- We probably need a viable "moderate" third party.

# Survey Results - Elections

ANOTHER IDEA UNDER CONSIDERATION IS ELIMINATING THE PARTY CAUCUS SYSTEM THAT IS CURRENTLY UTILIZED TO SELECT THE CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR STATEWIDE AND LEGISLATIVE OFFICE. ELIMINATING THE CAUCUS SYSTEM WOULD ALLOW ALL CANDIDATES AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK



## Comments:

- I think the caucus process is antiquated and leaves too much control to the party chieftains.
- ANYTHING is better than the current system.

# Survey Results – Other Issues

## What other issues are important to you and your business that are not addressed in this survey?

- 1) Over regulation of businesses. I'd recommend a comprehensive effort focused on de-regulation for all business sectors: energy, banking, real estate, etc. 2) State laws for medical and recreational marijuana are conflicted by federal law and this issue has become very problematic for state-chartered, federally-insured financial institutions.
- Consider business issues which will benefit the total spectrum of development throughout the entire state. Broaden Colorado Concern's horizons.
- Health care costs ~17% of the GDP and makes up our 3rd highest expense in running a business. We should be looking at the drivers of that expense, and see what avenues are available to lower it.
- Better not forget WATER!!!

# Survey Results – Other Issues

## What other issues are important to you and your business that are not addressed in this survey (continued)?

- I think it is important to promote a governance culture that, when given the choice to regulate or to allow businesses and organizations (including government itself) to operate transparently and responsibly, opts for the latter. Government should be more than a watchdog. It can and should be a facilitator and cheerleader through careful investment and leverage of public funds.
- The future of the space industry in Colorado.
- Tax.
- 1) DIA 2) Job creation measures 3) Legislative action to free up state workmen's comp to allow expansion into other states.
- Ensuring that hospital corporations to invest in keeping physicians in state. Encouraging hospitals to create primary care residency programs for rural areas of state; with more residency programs we have a better chance of keeping talented doctors in state.
- Though we have a P-12 (or more accurately P-20) system in place in Colorado, I feel as though there is MUCH more planning, foresight and ingenuity given to the 12+ end of the spectrum. We would be smart to provide better business support, resources and ingenuity to the P end of the spectrum.