

HOUSE DISTRICT 63

Representative Dean Sanpei

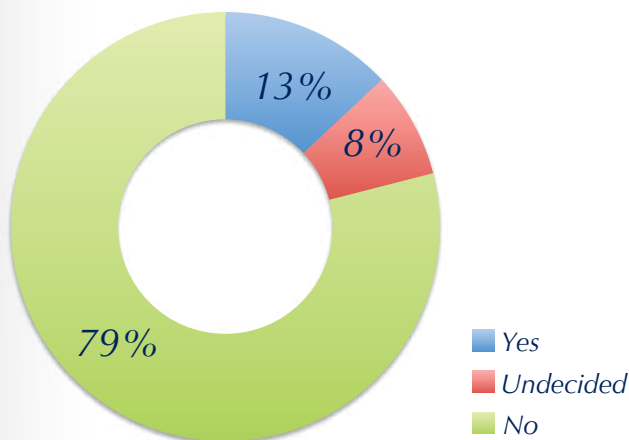
In the spring of 2010 Dean won the Republican Party nomination for the State Legislature House District 63. In November of 2010 he won in the general election and became the Representative for House District 63. He was re-elected to a second term in 2012. He currently serves on the Appropriations Committee for Higher Education, the Standing Committees for Public Education and Transportation and as the Chair for the Rules Committee.



Survey Responses of District #63

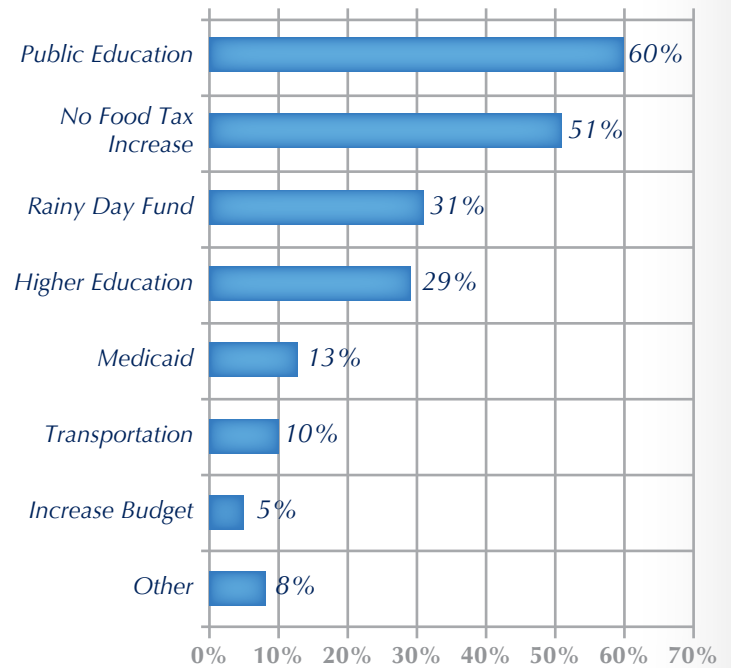
“What you said to me...”

Should Sales Tax Be Increased?



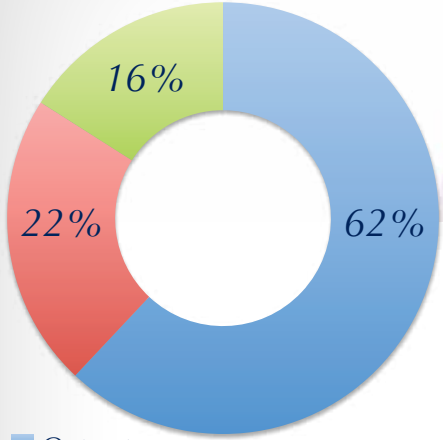
Our district overwhelmingly opposed the proposed increase in the sales tax on food. As the figure above shows, nearly 80% say they do not support this recommendation. I along with most members of the House opposed the tax and it did not pass during the 2013 session.

How to use Excess Funds



Education is consistently the most important priority for our district. During the 2013 session we were able to balance the budget, but also fully fund growth in public education at \$75 million, increase the weighted pupil unit 2% at \$48 million. We also added more than \$23 million in additional funding to higher education.

Health Care Reform?



- Opt out
- Expand Medicaid
- No opinion

Expand Medicaid or Opt Out?

According to the legislative fiscal analyst if the state chose to do the optional portions of expansion the direct impact to Utah residents and businesses would be "... \$248.0 million in FY 2014 and spending will increase to \$732.4 million [per year] by FY 2021."

Establishment of Independent Ethics Commission

Representative Sanpei was the House Sponsor for the establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission for the Executive Branch. Somewhat surprisingly the 5 constitutional officers in the executive branch (Governor, Lt. Governor, Auditor, Treasurer, and Attorney General) have had provisions to deal with criminal conduct, but they have not had provisions to deal with unethical conduct.

While criminal behavior is always unethical the reverse is not always true – unethical conduct is not always criminal. Through the legislation sponsored by representative Sanpei in the House provisions for dealing with unethical conduct have been established for elected officers in the executive branch. The commission has the power of subpoena, investigation, and can refer facts with merit to impeachment proceedings, or it can hold information private in instances where no merit to the claims is found.



Representative Sanpei In the News

Utah Malpractice Reform Bill Clears First Legislative Hurdle

(<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/55874457-78/bill-panel-providers-fault.html.csp>)

BY Kirsten Stewart
Salt Lake Tribune
First Published: February 21, 2013

Article Description: Adjusting current medical malpractice laws is a bill during the 2013 session that Rep. Sanpei is mentioned for in the Tribune article. The bill seeks to reduce the number of frivolous law suits while balancing the needs of patients to have access to the courts. Rep. Sanpei received consensus support for this bill from both the medical community as well as the trial attorneys association and the Utah Bar Association.

Utah Bill: Your therapist and doctor should join forces..."

(<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/55794304-78/health-mental-care-clinic.html.csp>)

BY Heather May
Salt Lake Tribune
First Published: February 11, 2013

Article Description: Representative Sanpei is mentioned for his bill that endeavors to bring a greater level of integration between behavioral health and physical health. The caption is a bit of an error in that integration does not always mean co-location and co-location does not necessarily mean integration. Nonetheless, the concept described in the article is a general overview of some of the benefits and needs that are intended to be accomplished.

Sanpei Named House Rules Chairman

(http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/legislature/sanpei-named-house-rules-chairman/article_c27cd45b-53e3-5952-a675-7e53b652d5c3.html)

BY Billy Hesterman
Provo Daily Herald
First Published: December 5, 2012

Article Description: Representative Sanpei is named as the Committee Chairman for the House Rules Committee for the upcoming legislative cycle. He speaks of his desire to serve the body and be a part of moving good policy forward.

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