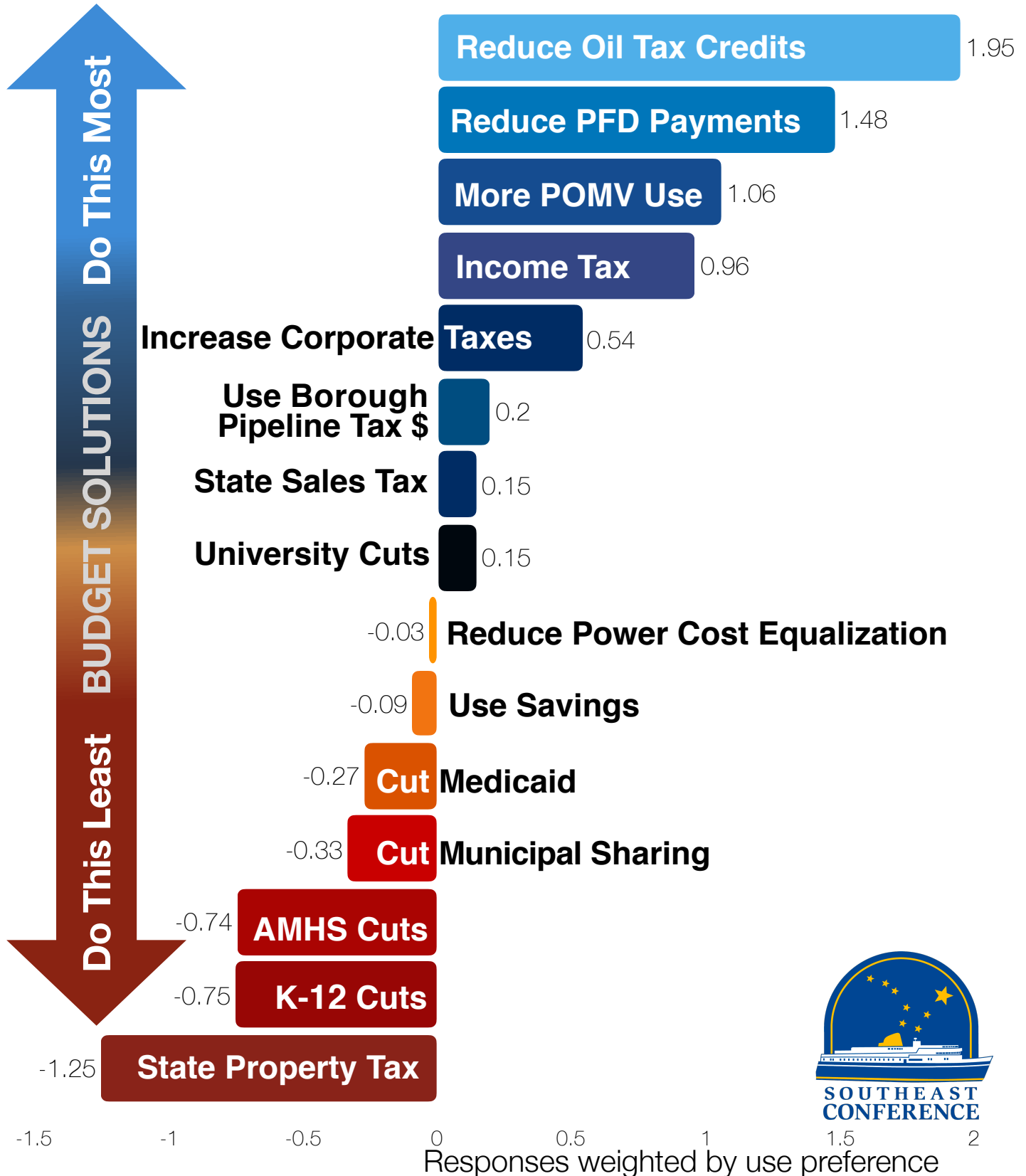


Southeast Businesses Budget Survey Findings

Southeast Conference asked **320** Southeast business owners and top managers in **25** regional communities how they would like to see the state achieve a balanced budget. Southeast business leaders are accustomed to prioritizing and making budgetary trade-offs. **This is an overall ranking of their responses.**



The State of Alaska has been struggling to develop a fiscal solution to the budgetary gap. Please rate your preferences regarding how you would like to see to the state achieve a balanced budget.

Budget Categories	Yes, to the fullest extent possible	Yes, in moderate amounts	Yes, but by a small amount	No, don't change this	Don't know
Reduce oil tax credits	38%	22%	17%	16%	7%
Reduce individual PFD payments	29%	31%	11%	24%	4%
Increase percentage of Permanent Fund earnings used to pay for state services	21%	27%	18%	28%	6%
Apply a state-wide income tax	26%	21%	16%	34%	3%
Increase corporate income tax	16%	18%	23%	37%	5%
Transfer pipeline property tax revenue from boroughs to the state	15%	11%	15%	41%	18%
Apply a state-wide sales tax	12%	17%	23%	45%	3%
Reduce University of Alaska funding	10%	21%	24%	44%	1%
Reduce Power Cost Equalization funding	9%	14%	25%	46%	6%
Use savings	4%	15%	31%	43%	6%
Reduce State Medicaid spending	12%	13%	14%	58%	3%
Reduce municipal revenue sharing	5%	12%	22%	45%	16%
Reduce AMHS funding	5%	12%	15%	66%	1%
Reduce K-12 funding	4%	12%	17%	66%	1%
Apply a state-wide property tax	3%	5%	11%	76%	5%

Southeast Conference surveyed 320 regional business leaders for the Southeast Alaska Business Climate Survey. The full survey results will be released shortly. Find out more at www.seconference.org.

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