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Page 1: Contact Information

**Q1**

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Page 2: Contest Information

**Q2**

Contest

**Governor**

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Page 3: District - State Senate

**Q3**

Senate District

**Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 4: District - State House

**Q4**

House District

**Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 5: District - Hawai'i County Council

**Q5**

District

**Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 6: Residency Area - Maui County Council

**Q6** Respondent skipped this question

Residency area

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Page 7: District - Honolulu City Council

**Q7** Respondent skipped this question

District

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Page 8: Economic Stability & Kūpuna

**Q8**  
Creation of a statewide Paid Family Leave Social Insurance Program, to allow up to 12 weeks of paid leave for employees to provide care for a newborn, bond with a new child, or care for a family member with a serious health condition.

Position **Support**

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**Q9**  
Allocating funds and other resources to improve access to, quality of, and coverage for home-and-community-based services that support aging in place among older adults.

Position **Support**

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**Q10**  
Allocating funds and other resources to bolster the capacity of kūpuna-serving programs/organizations by increasing workforce training, education, certification, and career development opportunities.

Position **Strongly Support**

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**Q11**  
Providing/increasing tax credits for out-of-pocket caring costs for unpaid family caregivers of kūpuna and/or those with disabilities.

Position **Strongly Support**

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**Q12**  
Additional thoughts/comments:  
  
My main concern for question 1 is how this would affect a business owner or company's decision on hiring young women in their child bearing years. Maybe a tax credit or other benefit should be offered to the employer to incentivize them to embrace the program.

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Page 9: Tobacco Regulations

**Q13**

Regulating e-cigarettes in the same manner as how the State regulates other tobacco products, through tax parity, licensing and permitting requirements, and restricting online sales to licensed sellers only, and not directly to consumers.

Position: **Support**

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**Q14**

Ending, without exception, the sale of all tobacco products, such as cigarettes, cigars and e-cigarettes, that contain a characterizing flavor, such as menthol, fruit flavors, and candy flavors.

Position: **Support**

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**Q15**

Authorizing counties to enact stricter restrictions on the sale of and access to tobacco products than what is provided at the state level.

Position: **Support**

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**Q16**

Additional thoughts/comments

Regarding "Authorizing counties to enact stricter restrictions", I would have to familiarize myself more with how the State regulates the sale of and access to tobacco products.

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Page 10: Healthy Eating and Active Living

**Q17**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Setting Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program benchmarks and decreasing barriers to SRTS programming through the creation of an SRTS Advisory Council within the Department of Transportation.

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**Q18**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Enacting a 2 cent-per-ounce fee on sugar-sweetened beverages and using the revenue for community-driven health initiatives.

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**Q19**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Ensuring that every student in Hawai'i at every grade level (PreK-12) has regular access to comprehensive agricultural and nutrition education programs linked to core curriculum (e.g. science, math, language arts).

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**Q20**

Increasing state investment for implementation of the Hawai'i Farm to School Program (Act 175, 2021), including meeting the goal of 30% local school food within the Hawai'i Department of Education by 2030.

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**Q21**

Additional thoughts/comments:

These statements are somewhat difficult to enter a response. One of my questions is, is this proof that our educational system has not thought of this before? And, what's been currently happening? Are we going to have to waste state funding to pay somebody to go around to make sure this is happening? Aren't our schools smart enough to make sure that this is happening?

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Page 11: Oral Health

**Q22**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Investing in dental workforce education programs on Neighbor Islands.

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**Q23**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Allocating funds to the Department of Health to restore an Oral Health Division.

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**Q24**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Expanding student loan forgiveness for dentists that provide care to Medicaid patients.

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**Q25**

Additional thoughts/comments

These, in theory, sound very good, but if managed improperly or entrusted into the wrong hands, it just becomes another way to waste money or disperse money inefficiently. Maybe I need to talk to someone about this.

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Page 12: Community Health Workforce Development

**Q26**

Establishing a certification process for Community Health Workers.

Position: **Support**

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**Q27**

Establishing a licensing process for Community Health Workers.

Position: **Support**

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**Q28**

Incorporating Community Health Workers as a profession into Medicaid services and contracts with the State of Hawai'i.

Position: **Support**

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**Q29**

Additional thoughts/comments

Again, sounds good in theory but are our health care workers as mentioned above, not certified now? And are there now no programs currently for certification?

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Page 13: Alcohol & Cannabis Regulations

**Q30**

Lowering the blood alcohol concentration (BAC) for impaired driving from .08 to .05 BAC.

Position **Support**

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**Q31**

Enacting a dime-per-drink fee on alcoholic beverages and using the revenue for community-driven health initiatives.

Position **Oppose**

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**Q32**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Housing the regulatory structure of any legalized recreational cannabis program under Department of Health, rather than other agencies, such as the Department of Taxation.

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**Q33**

Additional thoughts/comments

Initiatives? The money issue sounds fishy again.

Why is cannabis under the Dept of Taxation now? My immediate thought is, it would make sense that it would be under the department of health. But, I don't know enough about the issue to decide comfortably.

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