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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 **Strongly Support**

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 **Strongly Support**

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**

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**

Q12

Additional thoughts/comments:

As someone who has aging parents in our direct families, it is a significant need which is not properly addressed by society. My mother is on Social Security and a small pension via my fathers death which support her in total of less than \$1,600/month. She lives alone and it is only the fact that she has many children who help her with no support that she is able to survive. Other venues of support would be very helpful. As a farmer (self-employed) it was very traumatic for our family when over the course of several years our teenage daughter had the symptoms and was finally diagnosed with an auto-immune syndrome for which there is no cure. All of our time and resources had to go to help her and even the medical insurance only covered a portion of such efforts as spending five weeks at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota for full diagnosis and how to live with the condition; time away from the farm and off-side jobs meant more unearned income which we have to cover ourselves. Disabled and elderly need care; they are part of the circles of life and we must ensure systems which treat all equally.

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: **Strongly Support**

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: **Strongly Support**

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: **Strongly Support**

Q16

Additional thoughts/comments

We must protect all and not use new fabrications as exceptions to health and well being, especially among youth. The fact that the US is a "bottom-up" system where Counties can have rules which are then adopted by the state and the states can have rules then adopted nationally is our reality and this must be adhered to in all regards and I strongly support that the the state cannot and should not over-ride restrictions put forth at the County level.

Page 10: Healthy Eating and Active Living

Q17

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.

Position: **Strongly Support**

Q18

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

Position: **Strongly Support**

Q19

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).

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**

Q21

Additional thoughts/comments:

Since we all are consumers of food, this can and should be one of the foundations for upbringing and education. What we eat, where it comes from and how to ensure that we are all equally informed is vital for the health and well-being of all. My honest feeling is that the percentage of Hawaii-produced food in school programs can and should continue to grow beyond 30%, aiming for a significant majority, with imported food being exceptions and not the rule. While all will not, "get back to the land", it is important that all residents understand the food system, and so requiring such information to be accessible is critical for our well-being.

Page 11: Oral Health

Q22

Investing in dental workforce education programs on Neighbor Islands.

Position: **Strongly Support**

Q23

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

Position: **Strongly Support**

Q24

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

Position: **Strongly Support**

Q25

Additional thoughts/comments

Dental (oral) health is as important as all other health components. It is vital that providers and recipients receive the needed care, because especially with low income folks, that will be postponed if no support is offered. Having raised two children on a neighbor island, for them and our family it was vital to have Medicaid-covered dental care through their upbringing, so I can testify personally that this is vital for low-income families.

Page 12: Community Health Workforce Development

Q26

Establishing a certification process for Community Health Workers.

Position: **Support**

Q27

Establishing a licensing process for Community Health Workers.

Position: **Support**

Q28

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

Position: **Support**

Q29

Additional thoughts/comments

Though not too familiar with this approach, if this means that there are more options for health care for residents, then this makes a lot of sense and all of my responses would likely shift to, "strongly support" after more familiarity is gained.

Page 13: Alcohol & Cannabis Regulations

Q30

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

Position **Strongly Support**

Q31

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

Position **Strongly Support**

Q32

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

Position **Strongly Support**

Q33

Additional thoughts/comments

Though recreational intoxicants are at the discretion of the individual, it is vital that variously impaired people do not operate vehicles, and so lowering the BAC is logical and for the well-being of all affected. Health initiatives are helpful to many and need support as well.
