

# #145

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**Q1**

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House District

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Page 5: District - Hawai'i County Council

**Q5**

District

Respondent skipped this question

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**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 **Strongly 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 **Strongly 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:  
  
As the former Public Policy Manager of the Alzheimer's Association, I supported each of these through policies through our advocacy 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: **Strongly 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: **Strongly 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: **Strongly Support**

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**Q16**

Additional thoughts/comments

As Chair of the Makiki Neighborhood Board, I have passed resolutions that supported many of these policies.

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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**

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**Q18**

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

Position: **Support**

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**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: **Support**

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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:

As Chair of the Makiki Neighborhood Board, I passed a resolution supporting Safe Routes to Schools for Stevenson Middle School. I then went down and personally helped paint the bulb out and was there for the blessing of the site.

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Page 11: Oral Health

**Q22**

Investing in dental workforce education programs on Neighbor Islands.

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**Q23**

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

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**Q24**

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

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**Q25** **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments

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Page 12: Community Health Workforce Development

**Q26**

Establishing a certification process for Community Health Workers.

Position: **Strongly 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: **Strongly Support**

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**Q29**

Additional thoughts/comments

While I support a certification process for Community Health Workers, I do not know enough to be certain that licensing is the right policy.

Community Health Workers are an active part of health care in rural and under resourced communities throughout the State. Because this profession is not licensed by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, in accordance with Section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised

Statutes, among others, their services are not reimbursable. This limits the services that they can provide. So I believe licensing could be the right move. However, licensing also often sets up barriers to entry, and may further limit the number of people in this field. I look forward to working with HIPHI to strike the right balance to expand access to care.

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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 **Support**

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**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 **Support**

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**Q33**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments

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