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Q1

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Contest

Kaua'i County Council

Page 3: District - State Senate

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Senate District

Respondent skipped this question

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House District

Respondent skipped this question

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District

Respondent skipped this question

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Residency area

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Q7 Respondent skipped this question

District

Page 8: Economic Stability & Kūpuna

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

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.

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 Respondent skipped this question

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

Q11 Respondent skipped this question

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

Q12
Additional thoughts/comments:

I would be interested in seeing a financial plan and management plan for these proposed services. What we frequently see on Kauai is a well-intentioned proposal that falls short because the county cannot manage the program and there is no fiscal accountability.

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: **Oppose**

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: **Oppose**

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: **Oppose**

Q16

Additional thoughts/comments

I have never used tobacco products, but support the right of any adult to buy and use them.

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.

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.

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:

I would support an SRTS Advisory Council if it were an unpaid position. I do not think we need to add more to our DOT payroll. I am agnostic on a two cent tax added to sugar-sweetened beverages until I see what would be considered "community health- driven initiatives" We do need nutrition education starting at an early age but I believe that can be accomplished without more taxation.

Page 11: Oral Health

Q22

Investing in dental workforce education programs on Neighbor Islands.

Position: **Support**

Q23

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

Position: **Support**

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q25

Additional thoughts/comments

I am the daughter of a Dentist, so these questions hit close to my heart. Oral health is so important to overall health. And it is also simple to manage if you learn to care for your teeth and gums at an early age. Forming good habits as a child will lead to a healthier life.

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 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments

Page 13: Alcohol & Cannabis Regulations

Q30

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

Position **Oppose**

Q31

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

Position **Oppose**

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.

Q33

Additional thoughts/comments

We cannot tax our way out of an alcohol abuse problem but we can tax plenty of local businesses out of existence. I was in the restaurant/hospitality business for almost forty years. It has become increasingly difficult to run a restaurant or bar due to taxation and regulations. Meanwhile drunk driving and alcoholism are still big problems. Isn't the definition of insanity to keep doing the same things and expecting different results. We need to take care of each other. Don't let anyone you know drive drive while under the influence of alcohol. Be a friend they know they can call. Be the bartender or restaurant manager who helps get someone home safely. And when needed, be the one to stage an intervention. These problems have community-centered solutions, not government-centered solutions.
