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Hawai'i County Council

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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:

My family is familiar with the high costs of medical care of a loved one, especially in unexpected situations. Hawaiian culture has always placed value on elders/kupuna and our county government on the Big Island would be in line to support these values.

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

I quit smoking decades ago and lost loved ones to smoking-related cancer. There is inarguable evidence that smoking-whether tobacco or e-cigarettes-exacerbates existing health conditions and worsens health outcomes, especially for Native Hawaiians and other minorities who lack good access to quality healthcare.

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:

These initiatives are logical, no-brainers when it comes to the health and wellbeing of our children and the community. Walking daily, consuming less sugar, adequate nutrition, and sustainable food programs as described (in the above questions) are practical ways to make lasting change.

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 health is widely neglected by our communities and often poorly covered by insurance carriers. It is also very expensive to perform dental work with specialists difficult to come by. It must be prioritized and incentivized so that communities can benefit.

Page 12: Community Health Workforce Development

Q26

Establishing a certification process for Community Health Workers.

Position: **Strongly Support**

Q27

Establishing a licensing process for Community Health Workers.

Position: **Strongly Support**

Q28

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

Position: **Strongly Support**

Q29

Additional thoughts/comments

Community Health Workers are the backbone of healthcare, especially in rural areas where trust is important for communication between patients and providers. It has grown into a profession and ought to have an established process for certification and licensing as well as recognition by Medicaid.

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

Second to smoking, alcohol is likewise damaging and a consistent cause of disease/morbidity. Regulation for cannabis should fall under the Department of Health rather than taxation as health-related outcomes should be considered first, not revenue.
