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Contest

State House

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Senate District

Respondent skipped this question

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District

Respondent skipped this question

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Residency area

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District

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**

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**

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 **Support**

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

Position **Support**

Q12
Additional thoughts/comments:

As our kūpuna population rises, it is inevitable our society must shift to accommodate the evolving needs of countless families. With the above initiatives, it will be important to balance their economic impact with societal benefits, though I do believe policies should be enacted that are tailored to Hawaii's unique, tight-knit multigenerational households.

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**

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

In a perfect world, I would wish to eradicate all addictive substances, including tobacco. Yet for where we are now, I believe the best way to handle the market, for tobacco as well as e-cigarettes, is through stricter regulations, rather than sending it into the shadows. In terms of counties enacting different restrictions, my concern is that patchwork regulation will create confusion for businesses and consumers alike, while complicating enforcement.

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: **Support**

Q18

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

Position: **Oppose**

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**

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: **Support**

Q21

Additional thoughts/comments:

Building a foundation of healthy habits as a child is one of the best ways to ensure a life of good choices as it comes to nutrition and exercise. In my childhood, I was taught these skills at school, and they are largely responsible for how I conduct myself today. I do oppose enacting a fee on sweetened beverages, however, as it counteracts my priority to reduce our cost of living, no matter how little the impact.

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

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

Position: **Support**

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments

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 **Support**

Q31

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

Position **Oppose**

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**

Q33

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments
