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Maui County Council

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Upcountry

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

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:

I would strongly support the Paid Family Leave Social Insurance Program if the amount for paid 12 weeks of leave was based on what's needed to sustain during that time (ie. Cost of living in the State) instead of what the employee is earning or working in terms of hours. Many family earners are paid below a living wage or have jobs that offer them hours just under the TDI requirement of 20+ hours, which leaves some families more vulnerable than others, especially those working part time to balance child care needs. We need this to apply to all families, regardless of income level and hours worked.

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: **Support**

Q16 **Respondent skipped this question**

Additional thoughts/comments

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: **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:

I would strongly support the 2 cent per ounce fee on sugar and high fructose corn syrup sweetened beverages, especially if funding student nutrition programs that focus on LOCALLY produced food.

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

Medicaid access to dental care is incredibly slim in my county. I see many families and individuals in need of emergency dental care, having to suffer through trying to find someone who will take Quest. Dental care is very important because untreated dental health issues increase the likelihood of cardiac problems and dementia, especially in our kupuna population.

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: **Strongly Support**

Q29

Additional thoughts/comments

I would support certification and licensing with a clear definition of the scope of Community Health Workers and only if licensing requirements were not cost burdensome and did not create barriers to more individuals entering the community. I like the idea of more Community Health Workers, but the initiatives should create more job opportunities for all interested, not just those who can afford certification and licensing requirements.

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

Support

Q33

Additional thoughts/comments

I would support the Department of Health as a regulatory structure of legalized recreational cannabis in theory, but I would need to make sure there weren't any unforeseen long term implications.
