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Q2

Contest

Lieutenant Governor

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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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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 **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 Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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 **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: **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

Respondent skipped this question

Additional thoughts/comments:

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

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: **Oppose**

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 support Community Health Workers and understand the valuable role they play across the state, especially in rural communities and with underserved and under-resourced populations. I support the intent of certification and licensing programs to the extent that they allow the CHW workforce to operate at their full potential, improve organizational capacity, and drive community health outcomes. However, I have concerns that such processes would create barriers for some of our CHWs, who we rely upon for critical trust and connectivity especially with underserved populations. I would like to instead see more direct funding to support these roles and would encourage our hospitals and perhaps the DOH directly to increase stable funding. I think further discussions need to be held with all stakeholders to fully understand the cost and impact to our current CHWs and the organizations that they represent.

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 **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

Additional thoughts/comments

While I support measures to improve community health by curbing excessive alcohol consumption, I am reluctant to impose any taxes or fees on our local restaurants and bars at this time. The food and beverage industry was one of the hardest hit industries during the past two years with the Covid-19 pandemic, and many have still not recovered. I think such measures may have unintended consequences on this industry if they were to be passed at this time.
