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Q1

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Q2

Contest

Kaua'i County Council

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Senate District

Respondent skipped this question

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House District

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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 **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 **Support**

Q12
Additional thoughts/comments:

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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: **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

The phrase "ending, without exception, the sale of all..." is likely trying to take away too much from our citizens and our businesses. I expected to see something in the phrase that limited it to "sale to minors"; but, it wasn't there. While I understand what you're going after, it may be a little too broad and I absolutely don't believe it's something we could accomplish at the county council level.

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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: **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: **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:

As we're currently dealing with high prices, inflation and just trying to recover from the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is not the time to enact any kind of fees that would add to the grocery bills of our local families. **While I need more information in order to come to a final position, I have selected, for now, the position I'm leaning towards. Because I trust and support your organization's leadership in advancing the health and wellness of our people of Hawai'i, I would, of course, like to hear more specifics from you on this issue of a fee on sugar-sweetened beverages.

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

Additional thoughts/comments

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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

Additional thoughts/comments

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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

Additional thoughts/comments

On the dime-per-drink proposal, I think it probably needs to be differentiated between a drink purchased in a bar or restaurant and a can of beer or bottle of wine purchased at a retailer like a grocery store. Further, as we're currently dealing with high prices, inflation and just trying to recover from the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is not the time to enact any kind of fees that would add to the grocery bills of our local families. Lastly, while I need more information in order to come to a final position, I have selected, for now, the position I'm leaning towards. Because I trust and support your organization's leadership in advancing the health and wellness of our people of Hawai'i, I would, of course, like to hear more specifics from you on these issues.
