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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

Page 6: Residency Area - Maui County Council

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Residency area

Page 7: District - Honolulu City Council

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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

Additional thoughts/comments:

I have witnessed far too many people having to make the heartbreaking decision of having to choose between their livelihoods and their family members. Aging kupuna should not have to feel like a burden to their family just by staying alive. Parents deserve time off to care for their keiki. It's long past time that we implement these essential programs to benefit our working families.

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: **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 worry that banning flavored tobacco products will lead to bootleg additives being developed and sold out of garages, (we currently have a similar issue with CBD & THC products, especially vapes - when they're illegal, they're still on the market but they're much more dangerous because they don't have to comply with regulatory safety standards). I recognize that youth vaping is an epidemic that needs immediate legislative action, I just haven't been able to come up with a good solution yet to prevent the inevitable switch to even more harmful homemade products. Please let me know if you have any ideas!

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:

I'm very passionate about all of these ideas! Investing in farm-to-school has so many benefits from decreasing juvenile diabetes and health issues, to strengthening our economy by supporting local farmers, and even reduces carbon emissions and increases our ability to be self-sustainable, with added disaster preparedness benefits. People in every community have been begging for Safe Routes to School for decades, almost everyone wants more sidewalks and bike lanes.

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

I always thought it was crazy that vision and dental care are not included in standard healthcare benefits, I strongly support any efforts to increase access to these critical services, especially in underserved rural areas on neighbor islands.

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: **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'd love to learn more about what kinds of Community Health Worker training programs exist in Hawaii, and what establishing a licensing process would mean for non-licensed traditional healers.

Page 13: Alcohol & Cannabis Regulations

Q30

Lowering the blood alcohol concentration (BAC) for impaired driving from .08 to .05 BAC.

Position **Oppose**

Q31

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

Position **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

Oppose

Q33

Additional thoughts/comments

I think responsible adult-use cannabis regulation belongs in the DCCA, rather than DOH or DOTAX. DOH is far too overburdened with pandemic, water quality, & environmental health responsibilities to be able to take on another major area of expertise. I personally helped draft 2021 HB1202 which is the most comprehensive cannabis legalization bill ever introduced in Hawaii, with thoughtfully crafted elements like brand protection for different islands, horizontal business integration, social equity grants, and so much more. The DCCA has much more experience managing business regulations like these.

For BAC: I'd like to dive deeper into the data, but based on the report linked below, the distribution of BAC levels in fatal crashes was approximately the same for 0.5%-0.7%, which wasn't much higher than the 0.2% level. It only really increased when the BAC was = 0.8%, with another big increase around 0.14% (Figure 3, p. 5). Based on that data, I don't think criminalizing people who drink a glass or two of wine with dinner is going to keep us safer, I would strongly prefer to invest in late-night public transportation so people don't feel like their only affordable option to get home is to drive themselves.

<https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/811870>
