

# #214

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## Page 1: Contact Information

### Q1

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## Page 2: Contest Information

### Q2

#### Contest

**Maui County Council**

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## Page 3: District - State Senate

### Q3

#### Senate District

**Respondent skipped this question**

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## Page 4: District - State House

### Q4

#### House District

**Respondent skipped this question**

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## Page 5: District - Hawai'i County Council

### Q5

#### District

**Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 6: Residency Area - Maui County Council

**Q6** **Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapu**  
Residency area

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Page 7: District - Honolulu City Council

**Q7** **Respondent skipped this question**  
District

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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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**Q12**

Additional thoughts/comments:

To mālama our ohana is a core Kanaka Maoli value that should be promoted across our page 'āina. It has become nearly impossible for many ohana to do this. So many ohana are overburdened and in survival mode and suffering as a result. Providing support to allow for basic values to be exercised is the kind of support that uplifts us all as a community. Providing workforce training for careers in home healthcare is a win win for our community.

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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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**Q16**

Additional thoughts/comments

From a public health standpoint, making access more difficult is good policy. Many people use tobacco as harm reduction to avoid other more dangerous substances. It's important to provide other forms of healthier harm reduction support, especially for those in recovery.

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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**

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**Q18**

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

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**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**

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**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**

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**Q21**

Additional thoughts/comments:

Food sovereignty is has always been a critical issue since Hawaii was forcibly transitioned from a subsistence economy. I support efforts to engage our young people in making the connection between the foods they eat and their well being. Farm to school programs and 'āina based education is critical for the health and well being of the next generations.

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Page 11: Oral Health

**Q22**

Investing in dental workforce education programs on Neighbor Islands.

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**Q23**

Allocating funds to the Department of Health to restore an Oral Health Division.

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**Q24**

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

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**Q25**

Additional thoughts/comments

Economic disparity has created serious dental issues for many in our community and I fully support legislation to provide resources to address this issue.

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Page 12: Community Health Workforce Development

**Q26**

Establishing a certification process for Community Health Workers.

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**Q27**

Establishing a licensing process for Community Health Workers.

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**Q28**

Incorporating Community Health Workers as a profession into Medicaid services and contracts with the State of Hawai'i.

Position: **Strongly Support**

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**Q29**

Additional thoughts/comments

Community Health Workers are the boots on the ground, front line folks who often engage with our most vulnerable populations. More funding and resources are definitely needed to take care of these workers so they can mālama our community. Everyone wins.

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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 **Strongly Support**

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**Q31**

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

Position **Strongly Support**

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**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

**Strongly Support**

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**Q33**

Additional thoughts/comments

I support keeping our communities safe. I would like to also address the roots of addiction, mainly oppression, disconnect and trauma with an education campaign to change the shaming narrative and also provide better resources for prevention and recovery.

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