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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:

For too long, the legislature continues to "say" they support paid family leave, kupuna care, aging in place services and caregivers. Actions speak louder than words.

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

Additional thoughts/comments

Marijuana and vaping are now the new big tobacco. We need to ensure that MJ is not legalized since we set up medical MJ stores for purchase. And the vaping epidemic amongst our children is a travesty.

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: **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:

The 2cent fee is something I support but I don't trust the legislature to set up a special fund to allow the fee to go directly for community-driven health initiatives because I would not be surprised if they put the fees in the general fund and would make providers beg for the money.

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

When I was an aide to then Lt. Governor, Mazie Hirono, we introduced the bill which implemented the loan forgiveness program for teachers. Others have copied our model. We need to do the same for dental students who provide care to Medicaid patients.

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: **Strongly Support**

Q28

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

Position: **Strongly Support**

Q29

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Additional thoughts/comments

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 **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 support the dime per-drink fee but similar to the 2 cents on sugary beverages, I would want a special fund to be set up so that money is earmarked for these initiatives and not put into the general fund.

I do not support the legalization of MJ as I have seen the research and evidence on how it impacts a child's brain.
