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AGRICULTURE

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Comments:

IAL can't be used as a loop-hole for development, though it is
intimately linked to smart growth.

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Comments:

I wrote a bill on this matter - which passed 6 weeks ago.

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Comment:

I have serious reservations about most GMOs in Hawaii, and am
opposed to all open field testing. There may be some place for
research in Hawaii though I am not confident of our safety in this area
yet.

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10. GMO/Biotechnology - might find solutions to taro and other food crop diseases. In a world of food shortages this might be very important. How do you feel about biotechnology on taro and other food crops?

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Comment:

I opposed GMO taro work as currently envisioned and am against
GMO coffee.

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11. List or name 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain an understanding of agriculture for Hawaii County and/or the State of Hawaii.

Director of Ag, Kunimoto Pete Eising Ted Liu (for economic concerns)

Comment

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LAND USE

13. Would you support the Land Use Commission changing our Island's less productive ag lands to rural zoning?

- yes But there must be a plan for growth.....
- no

14. The County is allowed control over ag lands less than 15 acres. Is this enough home-rule control?

Why Yes?

- yes
- no

No? Then how large a tract do you think the county should control?

There are many individual cases where families own more than 15 acres and need more help going forward as they, 1. do business, 2. divide the land between family members, 3. pursue affordable housing projects.....

15. What is your position on the County's policy to reserve a percentage of the annual budget to purchase lands it deems valuable to acquire?

I support this.

15a. Are criteria for selecting important lands for the County to acquire sufficient? If not what's needed?

There should be more community input.....

16. The County & State are unable to develop all lands they hold for parks. What would you do to change this?

I believe there should be a statewide master plan on each election ballot to let the people decide where we develop parks.....

17. Do you support enlarging the land area of the National Parks in the County, e.g. Volcano National Park, Puuhonua City of Refuge, etc.?

Yes.....

18. List 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain an understanding of land use in Hawaii County and/or the State of Hawaii.

Director Thielen..... Peter Young..... Pete Hoffman.....

Comment

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25. Do you support expanding geothermal to its fullest potential?

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Other Response

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Other Response

I don't imagine, given the cost of oil that getting the same rate will be possible.
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28. List 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain an understanding of energy for Hawaii County and/or the State of Hawaii.

Director Caliboso..... Ted Liu..... private sector executives.....

Comment

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HEALTH CARE

29. The whole Health Care system is complex and inter-related in nature. How would you describe your level of understanding of the Health Care System?

- High
- Average
- Low

Comment I am the only physician in Hawaii Government and the chair of Health Committee. I also practice full time in our Emergency Rooms.
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30. List 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain an understanding of healthcare for Hawaii County and/or the State of Hawaii.

Rich Meiers, HAH CEO..... Chiyome Fukino, director..... Ron Schurra, CEO Hilo Hospital.....

Comment There are too many to name
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31. It has been suggested that there is a Health Care Crisis in Hawaii County and the State of Hawaii; if you believe this to be true, list 3 things you might do as an elected official to help alleviate this crisis.

1. I have challenged the health insurers like no one ever before in Hawaii, to aid in solving this crisis through higher reimbursements.
2. My bills are the TORT REFORM measures that have been defeated, unfortunately, by special interest. I will keep up this effort until a compromise is reached.
3. My bill, the Rural Health Act, creates the Hawaii Health Corps to bring physicians to shortage and rural areas by repaying their medical school debt in exchange for a commitment to our communities.

Comment

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32. Which percentage is closer to the percentage of uninsured people in the State of Hawaii?

- 10% 40% 70%

What are the implications of that? It is 9.8%. We waste money and human resources/potential when people don't get preventive care and when the mis-use care in the ER or when it is too late to control disease.

I am the leader in the charge to change the system for the better.

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b. Shipping to off-island location

c. Landfills **Other**

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34. Divisions between east and west of the island seem to put increasing pressure on county government to split into two. Do you support splitting the east and west county planning into two separate commissions?

yes **Comment**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trash disposal | | _____ |
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Other _____

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Comments:

Kona has steep slope, rocky ground, low rainfall and no "ag" water. Farming is a labor of love and much of the ag land is leashold.

7. Water – Are you in favor of the State Water Use Commission having oversight of Dept. of Water in regards to giving Agriculture special use rates for water?

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Comments:

Kona is considered the dry side; water is from DWS and there is no 'ag water' so costs for farming are high.

8. Water – Are you in favor of a special fund or loan program to assist agribusiness to borrow and develop its own wells or reservoirs to be more sustainable?

- a. Yes, 100% in favor
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Comments:

The USDA already provides cost sharing for reservoirs and there are several in Kona. Drilling wells is extremely costly and often is brackish.

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Comment:

I would like more information on GMO for foliage/flowers

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Comment:

There is much controversy on impact of GMO on food crops and I would like more info before committing to GMO.

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DOA _____ SWLD _____ NRCS _____

Comment

Also UH Ag Extension _____

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- yes provided areas of low rainfall have adequate infrastructure.....
- no

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Why Yes?

- yes The County Council changes dramatically every two years (in many cases) and those elected often have little knowledge of state policy/county policy/ag lands, etc.....
- no

No? Then how large a tract do you think the county should control?

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15. What is your position on the County's policy to reserve a percentage of the annual budget to purchase lands it deems valuable to acquire?

The 2% bill was introduced by me while on the Council. However, the commission appears to have Council members who continue to add on more lands than \$\$ available. As economy goes down, this may be unfeasible.

15a. Are criteria for selecting important lands for the County to acquire sufficient? If not what's needed?

It depends on who is Mayor/Who is on County Council and the expertise of the 2% Commission (committee?).....
members.....
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16. The County & State are unable to develop all lands they hold for parks. What would you do to change this?

Encourage adopt-a-park by public. Change Parks director. Put lump sum CIP in park improvements -- most heavily using and run down first on the list.....
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17. Do you support enlarging the land area of the National Parks in the County, e.g. Volcano National Park, Puuhoua City of Refuge, etc.?

The Federal Gov't has done a much better job of park maintenance than state or county. However, the land acquired appears to be adequate.....
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HI Leeward Conf. State DBEDT, Planning Office County Planning Department

Comment Sidney Fuke, planning consultant.....
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EDUCATION

19. Do you support expanding Hawaii Community College (HCC) in East Hawaii?

Yes? What do you propose to do to get it going?

- yes
- no

No? Why not?

I would like more information on this. There should not be a division of E & W. I'm sure the needs are great in both places. The legislators must work together -- the neighbor island legislators especially.

20. Do you support expanding Hawaii Community College (HCC) in West Hawaii?

Yes? What do you propose to do to get it going?

- yes
- no

Work toward getting the present land, dedicated to a university/college campus, on a higher priority (entire 500 acre parcel) Palamanui has agreed to bld and put in connector road to Kona Palisades road.

No? Why not?

21. Do you support breaking up DOE and having separate Boards of Education for each island?

Yes? What have you done or propose to do to make it happen?

- yes
- no

No? Why not?

the Neighbor islands get large subsidies while 85% of the population is on Oahu. The funding would be disproportionate L-M

22. If elected, what would you see your role in supporting the University of Hawaii-Hilo?

Working together with all Big Island Reps ad Senators for equality.

23. List 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain an understanding of education for Hawaii County and/or the State of Hawaii.

Donna Ikeda, chair BOE DOE Dist. Supt.

Comment there is a shortage of teachers and fewer students going into teaching. Need to change DOE requirement for allowing experienced/educated teachers into the state

ENERGY

Oil prices are expected to rise steadily as supply diminishes.

24. Do you support incentives to developers of renewable energy to encourage development?

- a. Yes. It stabilizes future energy costs.
- b. No. Free enterprise should solve.
- c. Yes. No matter the consequence.

Other Response

1- Cut the red tape at all levels. 2- State and Feds signed agreement to make HI center for renewable energy. 3- Put effort at Nelha as incubator for hydrogen.

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Other Response

Hualalai could be geothermal source for HELCO and NELHA and should be culturally sensitive in delivery. the energy created could provide electricity and hydrogen production.

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Other Response

But the county does not have the funds nor the expertise. However, its support could be beneficial to the ultimate goal of energy self-sufficiency.

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US Dept of Energy Ron Baird, NELHA Matson/Young Bros cost for shipping

Comment

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Comment

I have managed medical offices/clinics. I was the MAC chair for Kohala and Kona Hospitals under HHSC. I co-authored the bill that would create HHSC. But I must admit -- we should have made it better.

30. List 3 individuals, organizations and/or agencies you would contact to gain an understanding of healthcare for Hawaii County and/or the State of Hawaii.

Rep. Tommy Waters Head Nurse KCH

Comment

HHSC must be restructured. We allowed them to borrow money but did not require accountability.

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- 1. HHSC get detailed information on Alii Contract with doctors and how that is impacting income.
- 2. Incentives for medical doctors to stay.
- 3. In-home medical care / Outpatient are never materialized at KCH.

Comment

HHSC runs 9 long-term care facilities and 3 hospitals (Maui, Kona, Kohala). Why the \$62 million deficit?

32. Which percentage is closer to the percentage of uninsured people in the State of Hawaii?

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What are the implications of that? The elderly, the young, and those in between who need care usually do not seek medical care until it is a crisis. Our hospitals (state) are required to accept all (except Waimea.)

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