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1. REGARDING ELECTIONS –

- a. Do you support comprehensive public funding of elections? Please explain why or why not.

**Yes, not only the independently wealthy or well connected should be competitive for public office.**

2. REGARDING RENEWABLE ENERGY –

- a. Do you support a tax or fee on oil or gasoline to promote renewable energy sources?

**Yes, we should be taking every reasonable step to explore and promote alternative and renewable energy sources. While a new tax will be unpopular it may be the only way to assist achieving energy independence.**

- b. If not, in what other ways would you work to promote renewable energy resources?

3. REGARDING EQUAL RIGHTS –

- a. Do you support Civil Unions for same-sex couples as a step to full marriage equality? Why or why not?

**I support civil unions for any two people that wish to enter into one and as a required first step for those wishing to be married. The right to marriage should be sanctioned by the (non-government) institution officiating it.**

4. REGARDING EDUCATION –

- a. Do you support more public funding for pre-elementary education?

**Yes, early childhood education is a proven benefit to child and society.**

- b. Do you support lower class sizes for public elementary schools?

**Yes**

- c. How would you pay for any proposals in your answers above?

**If there are no other areas to redirect funds from then a tax increase can be explored. I consider both of these areas a priority and an investment in our future.**

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5. REGARDING JOBS –

- a. Would you support a bill to establish job security for employees when their employer is sold, merged, or transferred if the employer has at least 100 employees? Why or why not?

**Yes, as I see more and more mainland companies purchasing Hawaii based businesses I fear they will be more concerned with the bottom line and not share the values we have in Hawaii.**

6. REGARDING ECONOMY –

- a. As the State's budget crisis continues, what remedies would you support to help solve the problem?

**Increase efficiency of the government by conducting independent audits and hold departments more accountable.**

- b. What kind of tax cuts or increases, if any, would you support?

**I support tax cuts or credits when the result is creation of new jobs; and a progressive tax increase if required.**

7. Health

- a. Do you support requiring hospitals to have emergency contraception available in the emergency rooms for rape victims?

**Yes, but not for private religious institutions that object based on doctrine.**

- b. What is your favorite proposal to improve health care in Hawaii?

**While I believe there are several steps we could take to improve health care a few that have caught my attention:**

- **Electronic medical records**
- **Expansion of alternative medicine such as acupuncture, chiropractic care, etc.**
- **Promotion of education and awareness (e.g. HMSA HealthPass)**