

**OC DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIORITIES FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2018**

**GENERAL:**

- **Homelessness:** A medical prescription for housing and treatment for the chronic homeless (6 months or more) with severe psychological/mental problems and/or drug or alcohol addiction should be prescribed and paid through Medicaid.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **Workplace Community Development:** A designated Workplace Community should be developed for low-income public housing and affordable housing rentals for residents making less than 50 percent AMI and 20% or less have attained a four-year bachelor’s degree. The designated area should include a 20% or higher concentration of Native Hawaiians.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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**EDUCATION:**

- **Free Public Higher Education:** A four-year tuition-free, public higher education, and expanding existing financial aid for housing, food, textbooks, transportation, and other costs of attendance should be available to qualified Hawaii students.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **Protect of Endangered Species and Endangered Species Habitat on Educational Lands and Government Lands:** Protection of the PUEO (indigenous Hawaiian owl) and other endangered species from being displaced from commercial, residential, and rail development should be mandated.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **ConAm Question:** “Blueprint of the Early Learning Program” provides for four-year-old children to have access to high-quality early learning opportunities through private educational institutions. Article X, Section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution restricts the use of public funds for the support or benefit of private educational institutions. This restriction should be amended to allow funding for Early Learning Programs in private educational institutions.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Elected Board of Education:** From 1966 to 2011, the Board of Education (“BOE”) was an elected BOE. Currently, the governor appoints nine members on staggered terms to the BOE, subject to Senate approval. The BOE should revert to an Elected rather than appointed Board.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Substitute and Permanent Teacher Requirements:** Hawaii’s DOE teachers should obtain Advanced Licenses by possessing a master’s, specialist, or doctoral degree or earn National Board for Professional Teaching (NBPTS) certification.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Weighted Student Formula:** Additional funds per student should be provided to small and rural schools based on economic disadvantage and limited English proficiency.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Personal Finance and Economic Literacy:** Personal finance and economic literacy should be a requirement upon High School graduation.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **School to Prison Pipeline:** Those involved in the juvenile justice system, from deputy prosecuting attorneys to juvenile court judges, say that exclusionary discipline (suspension) contributes to the criminalization of kids. Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders comprised 34.7 percent of students but 51.5 percent of all suspensions. Hawaii spends 2.7 times as much per prisoner as per public school student. Schools should eliminate out-of-school suspension and replace it with prevention, early intervention for at-risk students and in-school suspension.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **Education and Libraries:** All Public Schools should have a part-time or full-time library (SB 616).

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **Board of Education Public Input:** Public input should be allowed during Board of Education (“BOE”) meetings by placement on the BOE Agenda (SB 618)

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ENVIRONMENT:**

- **Sunscreen Ban on Oxybenzone.** The use of Oxybenzone and Octinoxate in sunscreens should be prohibited to prevent reef destruction, coral bleaching, and DNA mutations in marine organisms.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion

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- **Roundup Prohibition:** The use of Roundup Herbicides, and other Pesticides and Rodenticides around sensitive facilities, area streams, shorelines and other waterways should be restricted or banned.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion

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- **Aquarium Collection:** Hawaii is the world's third largest source of commercial aquarium fish, after Indonesia and the Philippines. Each commercial aquarium collection permit authorizes removal of an unlimited number of fish. Each recreational aquarium collection permit authorizes an annual catch limit of 2,000 fish. The issuance of new commercial permits has been halted until an environmental impact study (“EIS”) has been completed. This cessation should also apply to recreational aquarium fish collection.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Native Plant Reforestation:** A tax credit for private landowners and funds for Federal, State, and County land for native plant reforestation should be provided as such reforestation is necessary to sequester carbon, reduce erosion, increase water supply recharge, re-establish endangered species habitat, mitigate wildfire threats by removing fire adapted invasive plants, and support many other natural and cultural benefits.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion

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- **Vehicle Credit for Electric Vehicles:** A tax credit for the purchase of new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle should be established. The minimum credit amount should be \$2,500 to \$7,500 based on each vehicle’s traction battery capacity and the gross vehicle weight rating.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **Electric and Fuel Cell Vehicle Infrastructure:** A clean ground transportation benchmark framework should be established to maximize consumer fuel savings, including a target term of 2025 to build an electric vehicle and fuel-cell vehicle infrastructure to eliminate imported fuels for ground transportation by 2045.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **Solar, Wind and Energy Storage:** A tax credit should be established for solar or wind energy property and energy storage property.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **Clean Energy Rebate Program:** A Clean Energy Storage Rebate should be established to encourage the use of rechargeable lithium ion batteries and solar panels to capture excess power, store energy onsite, and deliver it when needed, optimizing energy savings and maintaining emergency backup power. Clean Energy Storage would allow consumers to be off the grid and completely disconnect from their utility provider.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **Invasive Species Agriculture inspection:** All shipping containers should be inspected and quarantined for invasive species to prevent economic harm, environmental harm or harm to human health.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Bike lanes:** The first Protected Bike Lane spanned from Alapai to Isenberg taking the left most lane on King Street. It provides for two-way bicycle traffic. The lane is protected from motorized traffic by an asphalt berm and reflective plastic bollards. Additional protected bike lanes should be constructed.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- Local sustainable food production, food security:** Land reform to make land more available, accessible and affordable for farming for sustainable food production and food security in time of crisis should be implemented.  
 \_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- Cesspool to Septic Tank Conversion:** An immediate Grant Program and Tax Credit should be provided to upgrade or convert a qualified cesspool to a septic tank system or an aerobic treatment unit system, or to connect to a sewer system.  
 \_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- GMO Disclosure and Labeling:** All GMO or genetically engineered produce imported to Hawai'i be must clearly labeled.  
 \_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_ No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Consumer Protection Labeling:** Products with chemicals known to be carcinogens or toxic to reproduction should be clearly labeled: "This product can expose you to chemicals, including [name of one or more chemicals], which is [are] known to the State of Hawaii to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to [www.Warnings.hawaii.gov](http://www.Warnings.hawaii.gov)".  
 \_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_ No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS:**

- Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement ("CNHA"):** The Department of Hawaiian Homelands, ("DHHL"), should be replaced with CNHA as the recipient of housing appropriations pursuant to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 ("NAHASDA"). (\$2M)  
 \_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_ No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Rent Control Pilot:** A rent control pilot should be established?  
 \_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_ No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Tiny Homes on DHHL:** Tiny Homes should be construction be on DHHL land? (CNHA)

\_\_\_\_Agree, \_\_\_\_Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**High Rise Housing:** Construction of high rise housing will supplement the housing solution. (CHNA)

\_\_\_\_Agree, \_\_\_\_Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Individual Housing Accounts:** State Funded Individual Housing Accounts (IHA): (1) allows income tax deductions not to exceed \$15,000.00 for savings in an IHA held by community development financial institutions; (2) updates the income limit for IHA deductions; (3) allows individual rental housing account (IRHA) savings to qualify for a tax deduction; and (4) removes requirements that taxes be paid on IHA distributions be used to purchase the first principal residence. (OHA)

\_\_\_\_Agree, \_\_\_\_Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**LABOR:**

- **JANUS VS AFSCME, Right to Work:** Unions should charge its members their fair share for union representation where unions are required to represent all members equally under the National Labor Relations Act (“NLRA”).

\_\_\_\_Agree, \_\_\_\_Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Jones Act:** The Jones Act protects the domestic shipping industry of its jobs and maritime wages. Only ships made in the U.S. and flying U.S. flags can deliver goods between U.S. ports which may result in higher costs for transportation and higher costs for goods. The Jones Act be should be maintained to safeguard the U.S. shipping industry of its jobs and maritime wages.

\_\_\_\_Agree, \_\_\_\_Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Davis Bacon Act:** The Davis Bacon Act provides that a contractor must pay the minimum prevailing wage and fringe benefits on State or county public works construction projects in excess of \$2,000. This Act should not be abolished.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Appropriate Notice of Scheduling bill, time and a half and 10-hour breaks:** Retail, hospitality and food service companies should give employees seven days' written notice of their schedules, including on-call shifts. All new employees should be given a "good faith" estimate of the number of working hours they will receive upon hiring and employees will be provided with a 10-hour break between shifts which may be waived at the employee's request with the second shift earning time-and-a-half.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **Limited Time, 89 Day Hire:** Temporary 89 Day State hired workers are exempt from receiving health insurance and other benefits saving the state millions of dollars. The 89-day hiring practice is unlimited. Temporary 89 Day Hire should be limited to two terms or 6 months to encourage permanent hires.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **Disabled Hires:** A person with disabilities should be entitled to a minimum wage and equal pay.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
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- **Coffee Truth in Labeling:** Hawai'i grown coffee products should be labeled from Hawai'i and the percentage of Hawai'i grown coffee must clearly be disclosed on the label.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LGBT:**

- **Ban Conversion Therapy:** Conversion therapy or counseling to change a person's sexual orientation should be prohibited.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **IVF for Same Sex Couples:** Insurance coverage for In Vitro Fertilization ("IVF") for Same Sex Couples should be available.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Homeless Unaccompanied Minors:** Homeless unaccompanied minors should have equal access to homeless shelters.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Minimum Wage:** The minimum wage should be increased to \$15.00 by Year 2020.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**WOMEN'S:**

- **Paid Family Leave:** Paid Family Leave Insurance Program should be established to provide income replacement to eligible workers for family caregiving for the birth or adoption of a child, or to care for his/her child, spouse, reciprocal beneficiary, or parent with a serious health condition.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion

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- **Paid Sick Leave:** Private Sector Employers should provide "Paid Sick Leave" for their Employees.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Erin's Law:** Public schools should implement prevention-oriented child sexual abuse programs to teach students to recognize child sexual abuse and tell a trusted adult; teach school personnel about child sexual abuse; and teach parents and guardians of the warning signs and aid, referral/resource information for sexually abused children and their families.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Equal Pay Act:** Employers should be prohibited from engaging in pay discrimination based on sex, race or national origin among employees performing comparable job function or duties requiring the same skill, effort or responsibility under similar working conditions.

\_\_\_\_ Agree, \_\_\_\_ Will support with testimony, \_\_\_\_ Disagree, \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Title IX:** Sexual Discrimination in any education program or activity receiving State financial assistance should be prohibited  
 \_\_\_Agree, \_\_\_Will support with testimony, \_\_\_Disagree, \_\_\_No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**KUPUNA:**

- **Death with Dignity:** Death with Dignity and doctor-assisted suicide for terminally ill should be legalized.  
 \_\_\_Agree, \_\_\_Will support with testimony, \_\_\_Disagree, \_\_\_No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**HEALTH:**

- **Universal health care with a Unified Delivery System:** An “all-payer” health system which includes (1) continuous quality improvement (CQI) through physician leadership, (2) a single set of comprehensive benefits, and (3) doctors and hospitals being paid the same regardless of the source of funding for a given patient, thus reducing administrative costs and eliminating unnecessary care driven by providers should be established. An “all-payer” health care delivery system would save approximately 15-20% of health costs mainly by reducing administrative costs.  
 \_\_\_Agree, \_\_\_Will support with testimony, \_\_\_Disagree, \_\_\_No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Hawaii Health Authority (“HHA”):** HHA should submit an updated comprehensive health plan, i.e., Universal Health Plan, to the Legislature. Appropriate funds for the hiring of an executive director, other staff members and other expenses necessary for HHA to carry out its duties and responsibilities should be appropriated.  
 \_\_\_Agree, \_\_\_Will support with testimony, \_\_\_Disagree, \_\_\_No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Universal Health:** A Universal Health Legislative Task Force should be established to Explore Single-Pay and other Universal Health Care Systems for all Residents at an affordable cost.  
 \_\_\_Agree, \_\_\_Will support with testimony, \_\_\_Disagree, \_\_\_No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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