

1 **OC 2012-01 Support for Marriage Equality, Rescinding & Replacing Resolution 2008-3**

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3 Whereas, Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i mandates that: "Equality of rights  
4 under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the state on account of sex"; and  
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6 Whereas, The Hawai'i Supreme Court found that the State "failed to establish or prove that the public  
7 interest in the well-being of children and families, or the optimal development of children will be adversely  
8 affected by same-sex marriage"; and  
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10 Whereas, The worldwide movement for marriage equality largely began through efforts in Hawaii  
11 beginning over 20 years ago and continues to spread elsewhere; and  
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13 Whereas, The State constitution was subsequently amended and the Legislature then enacted a law  
14 restricting marriage to opposite sex couples, effectively denying same-sex couples and their families  
15 equal protection under the law; and  
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17 Whereas, The State recently enacted legislation granting civil unions to both same-sex and opposite-sex  
18 couples, but only opposite-sex couples can marry under State law; and  
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20 Whereas, Governor Neil Abercrombie has stated that limiting same-sex couples to civil unions does not  
21 provide equality in Hawaii; and  
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23 Whereas, The federal government and many other jurisdictions do not recognize civil unions; and  
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25 Whereas, Civil marriage is a civil right that does not impinge on any religion, nor require that any  
26 denomination perform a same-sex marriage ceremony if it is inconsistent with their religious beliefs; and  
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28 Whereas, The O'ahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of the State of Hawai'i has previously  
29 affirmed that the State should not interfere with couples who choose to marry and share fully and equally  
30 in the rights, responsibilities and commitment of civil marriage, regardless of sexual orientation or gender  
31 identity; now, therefore, be it  
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33 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i rescind Resolution 2010-  
34 30, and replaced by the following: be it  
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36 *Resolved*, By the O'ahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i that it finds the current  
37 state statute defining marriage as solely the union between one man and one woman to be unfair and  
38 inconsistent with our fundamental belief that all citizens are entitled to be treated equally under the law;  
39 and be it further  
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41 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats call upon our Hawai'i legislators to pass legislation to  
42 ensure that all families are treated equally under the law as required by the Constitution of the State of  
43 Hawai'i; including but not limited to, equal access to marriage licenses; and be it further  
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45 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats call upon our US Congressional members to support repeal  
46 of the "Defense of Marriage Act"; and finally be it  
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48 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawai'i Democratic Party, the Governor,  
49 members of the Hawai'i Senate and Hawai'i House of Representatives, Hawai'i Democratic members and  
50 candidates for the US Congress, and declared Democratic candidates for every Hawai'i elective office  
51 whose jurisdiction includes the City and County of Honolulu.  
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53 Offered By: /s/ Jo-Ann M. Adams and Lance Bateman

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Jo-Ann M. Adams, Chair, and Lance Bateman, Secretary  
55 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus

1 **OC 2012-02 Support for Patient Choice and Quality of Life**

2 Whereas, Advances in science and technology have created many medical interventions that can prolong  
3 the dying process and increase suffering; and  
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5 Whereas, Nearly 1.6 million Americans received hospice care in 2010, up from 25,000 in 1982; and  
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7 Whereas, Three decades after hospice emerged as the standard of care for terminally ill patients, many  
8 physicians find themselves accused of murder, euthanasia and assisting suicide for providing patients  
9 with ethically and legally accepted palliative care treatments to control pain and other symptoms; and  
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11 Whereas, 25% of physicians recently surveyed said they were formally investigated by their health care  
12 institutions, state medical boards or prosecutors for using opiates to manage a dying patient's pain,  
13 prescribing palliative and sedative medications when a patient was removed from mechanical ventilation;  
14 or delivering palliative sedation to terminally ill patients with severe, refractory pain; and  
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16 Whereas, Although none of the physicians investigated was found at fault, most reported experiencing  
17 anger, anxiety, isolation, depression, and difficulty working as a result of the ordeal; and  
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19 Whereas, Physicians' fear of criminal and civil liability and professional disciplinary actions can result in  
20 the under-treated pain and other symptoms, and cause dying patients to suffer prolonged, agonized  
21 deaths against their will; and  
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23 Whereas, Hawai'i has never criminalized the rational, end-of-life decisions of mentally competent,  
24 terminally ill Hawai'i residents; and  
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26 Whereas, Hawai'i has never criminalized compassionate health care provided by Hawai'i physicians,  
27 pursuant to an informed decisions by their dying patients, even when such decisions may be to advance  
28 the time of death; and  
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30 Whereas, Hawai'i has long affirmed the right of individuals to make informed decisions regarding their  
31 health-care options and provided support for patients at the end of life; and  
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33 Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has, through duly-adopted prior platform planks established a  
34 long-term history of support for and endorsement of Death With Dignity/Aid In Dying; now, therefore, be it  
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36 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats urge the Hawai'i legislature take all measures to (a) ensure  
37 that Hawai'i residents are not denied appropriate pain and symptom management; (b) protect health-care  
38 providers and patient advocates who follow best practice standards in providing end-of-life choice; and (c)  
39 affirm the right of dying patients to make informed decisions about their health care, even if such decision  
40 may be to advance the time of death, and finally be it  
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42 *Ordered*, That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawai'i and the elected  
43 or appointed Democratic Party members of the Hawai'i State Legislature.  
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45 Submitted by Scott Foster  
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1 **OC 2012-03 Support of STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) Education**

2 Whereas, O‘ahu and the state of Hawai‘i face economic and technological challenges such as global  
3 climate change, tumultuous global energy markets, and accelerating technological change; and  
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5 Whereas, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) skills will be necessary to meet  
6 these challenges with manageable economic, environmental, and cultural impacts; and  
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8 Whereas, The National Science Foundation estimated that 80% of all jobs created in the next decade will  
9 require some form of math, science, or engineering skill, so that STEM education is integral to preparing  
10 students for a prosperous future; and  
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12 Whereas, Providing engaging and rigorous STEM-related education lays the foundation for participation  
13 in a technology-dependent workforce, and prepares the citizenry for making the economic, political, and  
14 technical decisions required to successfully meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and  
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16 Whereas, Student participation in activities such as the Hawai‘i State Science and Engineering Fair,  
17 Science Olympiad, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics, and the  
18 Botball competitions inspires the students, teaches skills and teamwork, and help prepare students for  
19 success in the 21-st century economy; now, therefore, be it  
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21 *Resolved*, that the O‘ahu County Democratic Party supports incorporating Science, Technology,  
22 Engineering and Mathematics-related activities in the public school curricula; and be it further  
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24 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council of the City and  
25 County of O‘ahu, to Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, the Governor of the State of  
26 Hawai‘i.  
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28 Submitted by: Michael J DeWeert, District 50 Delegate  
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1 **OC 2012-04 Environmental Review of Public and Private Development Projects**

2 Whereas, Preservation of the environment is essential for the economic security of the present and future  
3 citizens of the island of O‘ahu and the State of Hawai‘i; and

4 Whereas, The natural environment, ecosystem services, and aesthetics of our islands can be irreparably  
5 damaged by development projects, endangering Hawai‘i’s economic and cultural future; and

6 Whereas, The confidence of the citizens in the integrity of regulators, government, and law enforcement  
7 requires even-handed enforcement of, and compliance with, laws and regulations; and

8 Whereas, Both public and private developments have similar potential for environmental impacts; and  
9 now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved*, That O‘ahu County Democrats oppose government exemptions from environmental  
11 protections, regulations, and reviews, including environmental assessments and environmental impact  
12 statements; and finally be it

13 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council of the City and  
14 County of Honolulu, to Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, the Governor of the State of  
15 Hawai‘i, and to the heads of the county and state regulatory bodies.

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17 Submitted by: Michael J DeWeert, District 50 Delegate

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1 **OC 2012-05 Support Expansion of 'The Bus'**

2 Whereas, A healthy, popular, and well integrated mass transit system reduces our County's traffic congestion, lessens  
3 our carbon emissions, and minimizes our dependence on oil imports; and

4 Whereas, the current Bus Schedule, which in many cases ends bus runs by 10:00 PM, discourages many citizens from  
5 using this service; and

6 Whereas, An expanded Express Bus schedule would encourage more people to take the bus because the difference between  
7 regular schedules and express schedules can be up to two hours travel time; and

8 Whereas, Our low income and rural families have the most need for these expansions, especially in the evening; and

9 Whereas, O'ahu County already has a trusted bus system that reaches all off our residents equally; now, therefore, be  
10 it

11 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats support full funding and an expansion of the current bus system to include 24-hour  
12 service on all bus routes; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats support an expansion of the current Express Bus schedules to include non-peak  
14 hours of operation; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats support the development of a free bus zone that includes China Town, Downtown  
16 Honolulu, and Waikiki; and finally be it

17 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honolulu City Council, Mayor, the Department of  
18 Transportation, the Department of Planning, and The Bus.

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21 Submitted by Lynn Marie Sager President District 50, Precinct 2 - Chair Environmental Caucus

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1 **OC 2012-06 Support for Control if Money in Politics**

2 Whereas, The problem with money in politics is not so much the amount that is spent on campaigns as it is who pays for  
3 them, what they get in return, and how that affects public policy and spending priorities; and

4 Whereas, The Supreme Court ruling in "Citizens United" allowing unlimited Corporate donation to political campaigns is  
5 having a major impact our government and our elected officials; and

6 Whereas, The 2010 midterm election campaign was the most expensive in history, with hundreds of millions spent by  
7 anonymous, outside groups; and

8 Whereas, Some of the nation's largest and richest companies, including Wal-Mart, Coca-Cola, Koch Industries and AT&T,  
9 have joined forces to invest millions of dollars each year to promote the careers of thousands of state legislators and secure  
10 passage of legislation that puts corporate interests ahead of the interests of ordinary Americans; and

11 Whereas, The DISCLOSE (Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections) Act would be an important  
12 step on behalf of transparency in politics because it would ensure that voters understand who is paying for the ads they  
13 see and hear; and

14 Whereas, The influence of anonymous, unlimited campaign contributions makes it probable that more environmentally  
15 damaging projects will be approved and environmental protections will be weakened; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved*, That O‘ahu County Democrats support an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, which will  
17 overturn the US Supreme Court ruling of Citizen's United, which gives corporations the same rights of speech as an individual  
18 citizen; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That O‘ahu County Democrats support a citizen-funded fair elections system, wherein qualifying candidates, able  
20 to provide evidence of support through district signatures, may chose to have their campaigns be publicly funded rather than  
21 seek outside funding; and be It further

22 *Resolved*, That O‘ahu County Democrats support national disclosure legislation, which will require all politically funded  
23 advertisements to disclose who paid for those advertisements; and finally be it

24 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all representatives, senators, mayors, and the governor of the  
25 State of Hawai‘i.

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27 Submitted by William Sager Vice President District 50, Precinct 2 At Large Executive member of the Environmental Caucus  
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1 **OC 2012-07 Mitigation of Hoofed Animals Damage to Farms, Gardens, and Native Forest,**  
2 **Rescinding and Replace OC 2011-07**

3 Whereas, Hoofed animals are invasive species in Hawai'i, and invasive species can be controlled only with  
4 focused, intense, and sustained effort; and

5 Whereas, The Environmental Caucus of the Hawai'i Democratic Party believes elimination of hoofed animals from  
6 prime native forest is essential to preserving the native forests of Hawai'i; and

7 Whereas, Hunting in Hawai'i is a complex issue; where many people, both hunters and non-hunters, have  
8 different agendas; where hunting is a sport, a method of animal control, a way to put food on the table, and/or a  
9 cruel abuse of animals depending on your point of view; and

10 Whereas, All hoofed animals in Hawai'i are introduced animals that are recognized by natural resource experts  
11 as a significant threat to O'ahu's vital watersheds; and

12 Whereas, Hunters are an important part of controlling pigs and other hoofed animals in areas where hunters  
13 have access; and

14 Whereas, Hunter organizations working in partnerships with private landowners can help manage hoofed animal  
15 populations on private land; and

16 Whereas, Subsistence hunting should be encouraged on both public and private property; and

17 Whereas, Public testimony for years has pointed out the damage caused by hoofed animals; now, therefore,  
18 be it

19 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats rescind Resolution 2010-07 and replace it with the following: be it

20 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats support Gov. Abercrombie's Watershed Initiative, but not at the  
21 expense of existing conservation programs; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party support permanently eliminating hoofed animals from native  
23 ecosystems and important watersheds; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party supports game management programs on both public and private property  
25 not composed of prime native ecosystems and important watersheds; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party supports *ahupua'a* and *moku* management where local stake holders and  
27 natural resource managers are brought together to identify and resolve local hoofed animal control problems; and  
28 finally be it

29 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to each O'ahu legislator in the State Legislature and the  
30 Honolulu City Council, to the Hawai'i Governor and the Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu.

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32 Submitted by William Sager Vice President District 50, Precinct 2 At Large Executive member of the  
33 Environmental Caucus  
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1 **OC 2012-08 Establish an Objective Evaluation of Sustainable Energy to Prioritize the Alternative**  
2 **Energy Systems and Technologies that Will Most Benefit All of the Citizens of O‘ahu and the State**  
3 **of Hawai‘i**

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5 Whereas, The state of Hawai‘i depends on imported fossil fuels sources to power its commercial,  
6 industrial, residential and transportation needs, importing over 50 Million barrels of oil per year at a cost  
7 upwards of *four Billion dollars* per year paid to out-of-state interests, severely impacting the costs of living  
8 and doing business in Hawai‘i; and  
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10 Whereas, Choosing the most beneficial course for a sustainable energy future for Hawai‘i requires  
11 knowing the actual costs and benefits of the various energy systems, including (but not limited to) energy  
12 cost and productivity, energy storage, environmental impact, energy security, community ownership of  
13 means of production, growth of small business, employment in well-paying jobs, and expansion of  
14 Hawai‘i exports; now, therefore, be it  
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16 *Resolved*, That the O‘ahu County Democratic Party urges the Hawai‘i State Legislature and Executive  
17 branch to create an independent committee to conduct an objective evaluation of sustainable energy to  
18 evaluate alternative and sustainable energy production, storage, and transmission systems; and be it  
19 further  
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21 *Resolved*, That energy combinations are prioritized to determine which are likely to give the most benefit  
22 to each of the counties of Hawaii; and be it further  
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24 *Resolved*, That the evaluation committee include impartial persons who are competent to evaluate  
25 technical, environmental, economic, and social considerations; and finally be it  
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27 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council of the City and  
28 County of Honolulu, to Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, the Governor of the State of  
29 Hawai‘i, and to the heads of the county and state regulatory bodies.  
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32 Submitted by: Mary A Guinger, District 50 Delegate  
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1 **OC 2012-09 Request an Independent Study of Publicly Owned versus Privately Owned Utility**  
2 **Comparing use and cost of Renewable Energy with Smart Grid Distribution**

3 Whereas, The service provided by the privately-owned power generation and distribution system  
4 produces reliable, but expensive power, and is heavily dependent on fossil fuels; and  
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6 Whereas, Utilization of Hawai'i's renewable energy sources would be in the interest of the public, and  
7 Whereas, The public interest may be better served through public ownership of smart grid, and power  
8 plants with renewable energy sources; now, therefore, be it  
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10 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democratic Party shall request an independent study of a publicly-  
11 owned versus privately-owned utilities, comparing use and cost of renewable energy with smart grid  
12 distribution; data from this Study to be available to the public and their government officials; and finally be  
13 it further  
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15 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council of the City  
16 and County of Honolulu, to Democratic members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, the Governor of the  
17 State of Hawai'i, and to the heads of the county and state regulatory bodies.  
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19 Submitted by Mary A. Guinger, District 50 Delegate  
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1 **OC 2012-10 Improve Workers' Compensation in the State of Hawai'i independent medical**  
2 **examination, Rescinding & Replacing OC Resolution 2010-5**

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4 Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has a long tradition for supporting injured workers' in the State  
5 of Hawaii; and

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7 Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has continued to fight for injured workers' rights and  
8 protection; and

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10 Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has always advocated that insurance companies and the  
11 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations continue to improve rules, policies and laws concerning  
12 Workers' Compensation for the betterment of all of Hawaii's injured workers; and

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14 Whereas, Independent Medical Examinations (IME) in Workers' Compensation has become so  
15 contentious that insurance companies continue to attack any change to make this policies fair for the  
16 injured workers' and insurance companies; and

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18 Whereas, Workers' compensation IMEs are supposed to be fair, impartial, and truly independent;

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20 Whereas, Doctor's have been imported from the mainland to conduct IMEs, and some local Doctors have  
21 closed their practices to do IMEs; and

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23 Whereas, At least one doctor has made over a million dollars doing IMEs in one year; and

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25 Whereas, Many doctors who conduct IMEs are not specialist in the field they are performing the  
26 examination, and these Doctors cannot be sued for giving a wrong diagnosis; and

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28 Whereas, Injured workers continue to wait for treatment as insurance companies put money ahead of  
29 treatment and rehabilitation; now, therefore, be it

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31 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democratic Party rescind OC Resolution 2010-5 and urge the  
32 Democratic Party of Hawai'i to rescind Resolution BUS 2010-11, and replace it with the following: and be  
33 it further

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35 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democratic Party support legislation to require the Department of  
36 Labor and Industrial Relations of State of Hawaii to protect injured workers from the abuses of  
37 Independent Medical Examinations and Examiners who are paid by and accountable only to employers  
38 and their insurance carriers in the State of Hawai'i; and finally be it

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40 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution will be delivered to all Democratic members of the Legislature, the  
41 Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and the Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations,  
42 and the appropriate state pre convention resolutions committee.

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45 Submitted By George M. Waialeale  
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1 **OC 2012-11 Consider the Benefits of a Return to a Multi-member District System**

2 Whereas, Hawai'i has long been a state which has celebrated diversity; and

3 Whereas, Until 1982 Hawai'i's legislature and people were represented by multimember districts, and: such  
4 representation proved an additional tool, providing flexibility during redistricting, balancing population against  
5 boundary constraints for accurate reapportionment; and

6 Whereas, A multi-member district provided more access to new candidates, with a wide variety of fresh and  
7 innovative viewpoints, and

8 Whereas, Multi-member districts provide opportunity for constructive party teamwork, combining the experience of  
9 the incumbent with the new members fresh viewpoint on the variety of views on issues within a single district,  
10 limiting the "winner takes all" effect; and

11 Whereas, A single member district is seen as providing a dominant advantage to the incumbent, creating an  
12 adverse impact on fundraising and other challenges facing a new candidate; and

13 Whereas, This further empowers the voter by increasing the power of the voter; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i discuss and consider supporting  
15 a return to multi-member district representation; and finally be it

16 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be referred to the Counties of Kaua'i, Maui and Hawai'i, and to the State  
17 Central Committee for discussion.

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19 Submitted by Marcia Linville

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1 **OC 2012-12 Support for Education Through Access To Local Library Services In Underserved Areas Of**  
2 **The State, Rescinding & Replacing OC Resolution 2010-06**

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4 Whereas, An informed citizenry is the foundation of democracy, and new technologies in information  
5 services have made that need more critical, and

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7 Whereas, Since as a part of the contribution of the founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin created the first  
8 public library, public libraries which are open to all people, regardless of age, gender, race, social  
9 condition, and religion, have since that time been a major component for informing the public in all  
10 aspects of the information spectrum, and

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12 Whereas, The Hawai'i State library system is mandated to supply the people of Hawaii with access to  
13 informational, educational, recreational, and cultural materials, and

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15 Whereas, The Hawai'i library system has been heavily impacted by both increased population in  
16 underserved areas and the increasingly heavy expenses of updating and supporting current informational  
17 technologies, and

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19 Whereas, Continual budgetary constraints over many years, have resulted in a 20% vacancy rate in  
20 staffing and the closure of libraries, both permanently and for long periods, and

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22 Whereas, Adequate resources to correct this situation and to supply the people of Hawaii with the library  
23 and information services necessary to maintain the basic standards of service to which they are entitled,  
24 are not available under the present system of funding, and

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26 Whereas, This creates an inequity of service to the people of the state; now therefore be it

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28 *Resolved.* That the O'ahu County Democrats rescind Resolution 2010-06, and replace it with the  
29 following: be it

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31 *Resolved,* That the O'ahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i request that the  
32 Governor of the State of Hawai'i create a task force composed of public and private, philanthropic,  
33 commercial, governmental, and nongovernmental organizations, as needed, with representatives from  
34 both geographic and cultural communities to explore what library services are needed in the way of  
35 facilities, staffing, materials, and technologies, under-served communities will require, and what resources  
36 can be developed to meet these needs; and finally be it

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38 *Ordered,* That this resolution be brought to the attention of the Governor and the appropriate state pre  
39 convention resolution committees.

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42 Submitted by Marcia Linville  
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1 **OC 2012-13 Resolution to Require Neutrality From State and County Party Chairs at All Levels, the**  
2 **Governor, and the Congressional Delegation**

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4 Whereas, There has been a longstanding tradition in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i that the State Party  
5 Chair and of each County Chairs shall remain neutral in primary election races where there has been  
6 more than one Democratic running in the primary race; and  
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8 Whereas, The Governor has been described as the titular head of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and  
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10 Whereas, The Congressional delegation is held in high regard and there are biennial rumors of members  
11 of the Congressional delegation preferring one candidate over another in local races; and  
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13 Whereas, There has been evidence on increasing violation of this longstanding tradition; now, therefore,  
14 be it  
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16 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democratic Party ask each Democratic Party County Chair and the  
17 State Chair of the Democratic Party to remain neutral in all contested primary election races, and not  
18 provide active support to any candidate in any contested primary race; this shall include but not be limited  
19 to, soliciting or making monetary or in-kind contributions, accepting a position in a primary campaign,  
20 sign-waving, letter writing, appearing in campaign ads, etc.; and be it further  
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22 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democratic Party ask a Democratic Governor to remain neutral in all  
23 contested primary election races, and not provide active support to any candidate in any contested  
24 primary race; this shall include but not be limited to, soliciting or making monetary or in kind contributions,  
25 accepting a position in a campaign, sign-waving, letter writing, appearing in campaign ads, etc.; and be it  
26 further  
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28 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democratic Party ask the Democratic National Committee, the  
29 Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee,  
30 to remain neutral in all contested primary election races, and not provide active support to any candidate  
31 in any contested primary race; this shall include but not be limited to, making monetary or in kind  
32 contributions, soliciting money or in kind contributions, accepting a position in a campaign, sign-waving,  
33 letter writing, appearing in campaign ads, etc.; and finally be it  
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35 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawai'i Democratic Party, the Governor, the  
36 Democratic National Committee, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Democratic  
37 Congressional Campaign Committee, the members of the Hawai'i Senate and Hawai'i House of  
38 Representatives, and candidates for every elective office whose jurisdiction includes the City and County  
39 of Honolulu.  
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42 Offered By: /s/ Jo-Ann M. Adams

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44 Jo-Ann M. Adams, Delegate  
45 District 23-03

1 **OC 2012-14 Resolution Encouraging People with Disabilities to Register and Vote**

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3 Whereas, Exercising the right to vote is crucial to membership in a democratic society and many people  
4 with disabilities do not register and vote; and

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6 Whereas, People with disabilities constitute at least 20% of the population over 18 and are a significant  
7 portion of Hawaii's population; and

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9 Whereas, The disability community is diverse consisting of people with sensory, physical and cognitive  
10 challenges; and

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12 Whereas, Many of these individuals, especially those in institutions or group homes, do not exercise their  
13 right to vote in both the primary and general election; now, therefore, be it

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15 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats make a concerted effort to register voters with disabilities  
16 throughout the state; and be further

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18 *Resolved*, That voter registration forms be available in alternate formats such as large type and Braille;  
19 and be it further

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21 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats make concerted efforts to assist people with disabilities with  
22 transportation to a polling place; and be it further

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24 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats insist the Office of Elections make certain that alternate  
25 formats for ballots be available at all polling places, including large type, Braille, and private screen  
26 readers for Blind individuals; and be it further

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28 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats encourage absentee balloting be also available in these  
29 formats postage paid to be available with regular absentee ballots; and be it further

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31 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats collect data on how many individuals with disabilities were  
32 assisted by the Party by which method and produce organized data for researchers to utilize; and be it  
33 further

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35 *Resolved*, That research conclusions based on this data be included in a monograph, which will serve the  
36 *Party* in future elections and serve as a model for disability outreach in primary and general elections; and  
37 be it further

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39 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai'i State  
40 Legislature, the members of the Hawai'i Congressional delegation, and the appropriate State pre-  
41 convention resolutions committee.

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44 Submitted by: Randolph Hack 20/2 District Chair  
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1 **OC 2012-15 Pell Grants**

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3 Whereas, Beginning in the early 1980s, according to the Census, the college “premium” – the difference  
4 in annual earnings of a high school graduate and a college graduate – rose from 50 percent to  
5 approximately 80 percent. In 2007, workers with a high school degree made an average of \$31,286  
6 compared to \$57,181, 82.8 percent more, for those with a bachelor’s degree; and  
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8 Whereas; According to Sean Reardon, a professor of education and sociology at Stanford, writing in “The  
9 Widening Academic Achievement Gap between the Rich and the Poor: New Evidence and Possible  
10 Explanations:” At the same time that family income has become more predictive of children’s academic  
11 achievement, so have educational attainment and cognitive skills become more predictive of adults’  
12 earnings. The combination of these trends creates a feedback mechanism that may decrease  
13 intergenerational mobility. As the children of the rich do better in school, and those who do better in  
14 school are more likely to become rich, we risk producing an even more unequal and economically  
15 polarized society; and  
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17 Whereas; As the value of a college degree has nearly doubled, in terms of future earnings, the  
18 percentage of low income college students actually graduating by age 24 has grown by only 2.1 points,  
19 from 6.2 percent in 1970 to 8.3 percent in 2009. Among students from families in the highest income  
20 quartile, the graduation rate by age 24 has surged by 42.2 percentage points, doubling from 40.2 percent  
21 to 82.4 percent over the last four decades; and  
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23 Whereas; the value of Pell Grants – the basic form of federal scholarship aid to poor students – has  
24 steadily declined as tuition costs have grown at a much faster rate than inflation. In 1979-80, the  
25 maximum Pell Grant covered 99 percent of the cost of a community college, 77 percent at a public four-  
26 year college and 36 percent at a private four-year college. By 2010-11, these percentages had dropped to  
27 62, 36 and 15 percent respectively, according to "Education Week"; now, therefore, be it  
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29 *Resolved*, That the O’ahu County Democrats urge Congress in general and our congressional  
30 representatives in particular to support an increase in Pell grants to cover at least three quarters of the  
31 cost of a four year college education; and be it further  
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33 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai’i State  
34 Legislature, the members of the Hawai’i Congressional delegation, and the appropriate State pre-  
35 convention resolutions committee.  
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37 Submitted by John Bickel  
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39 \*Much of the information and even wording of the above comes from the New York Times, March 12,  
40 2012, "The Reproduction of Privilege" By Thomas B. Edsall  
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1 **OC 2012-16 Supporting the Move to Amend Campaign**

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3 Whereas, The *Citizens United* decision has opened the floodgates to the corrupting influence of money in  
4 elections; and

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6 Whereas, Corporations are entities created by law, not individual citizens entitled to rights; now therefore  
7 be it

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9 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats stand with the Move To Amend campaign and communities  
10 across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by  
11 amending the United States Constitution to establish that 1) only human beings, not corporations are  
12 endowed with constitutional rights, and 2) Money is not speech and therefore regulating political  
13 contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech; and be it further

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15 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats send this resolution to our Congressional delegation and state  
16 legislative leadership; and finally let it be further

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18 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai'i State  
19 Legislature, the members of the Hawai'i Congressional delegation, and the appropriate State pre-  
20 convention resolutions committee.

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24 Submitted by John Bickel  
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1 **OC 2012-17 Amending Resolution 2008-17 Supporting The Building Of Modular And Factory**  
2 **Manufactured Homes In Hawaii**

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4 Whereas, Housing in Hawaii is among the most expensive in the United States and infrastructure costs  
5 for roads, electricity, water, and sewage are often too high for developers and landowners to build in rural  
6 areas, and  
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8 Whereas, Water catchment and solar power can be built into modular homes, thus allowing home  
9 construction in rural areas that have little infrastructure; and

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11 Whereas, The use of steel framing in modular homes prevents problems with subterranean termites and  
12 also makes these homes resistant to hurricanes and earthquake damage; and  
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14 Whereas, Homes that are built with factory construction can be moved, thus making them ideal for people  
15 who live on leasehold land; and  
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17 Whereas, By setting aside rural and land banked area, modular homes can be moved to safe areas if the  
18 property is in danger of a lava flow, hurricane, or flood, which would enable financial institutions and  
19 insurance companies to approve mortgages and insurance on homes that are in lava, hurricane, or flood  
20 inundation areas; and  
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22 Whereas, In 2002, a steel -framed housing factory on Oahu manufactured homes at \$60 per square foot,  
23 or \$120 to \$180 per square foot for site built housing, demonstrating that a factory manufactured home  
24 can have a cost savings of over 50% through the use of local materials and local labor; now therefore be  
25 it further  
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27 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats amend Resolution 2008-17 to add the following: be it  
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29 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats support building modular and factory manufactured homes in  
30 Hawaii, not including trailer homes; and finally be it  
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32 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Mayors of the respective  
33 counties of the State of Hawaii.  
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36 Submitted by Sam Mitchell  
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1 **OC 2012-18 Unemployment Insurance to include Medical Insurance**

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3 Whereas, Many workers on unemployment insurance can't afford medical insurance; and

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5 Whereas, Medical insurance such as COBRA is very high-cost and sometimes unaffordable; and

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7 Whereas, Low and Middle class workers need protection for medical needs during hard times when  
8 unemployed; now therefore be it

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10 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats support legislation to include health care in unemployment  
11 insurance; and finally be it

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13 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai'i State  
14 Legislature, the members of the Hawai'i Congressional delegation, and the appropriate State pre-  
15 convention resolutions committee.

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18 Submitted by: Steve Canales  
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1 **OC 2012-19 Promote Healthy Keiki**

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3 Whereas, Childhood obesity rates in Hawai'i have increased by 38 percent from 1999 and 2009, and 1/3 of  
4 Hawai'i preschoolers classified overweight or obese; and

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6 Whereas, Children and adolescents now consume 10 to 13 percent of their daily caloric intake from sugar-  
7 sweetened beverages and these are calories that otherwise meet no nutritional need; and

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9 Whereas, Obese children are on the fast track for diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, and  
10 other chronic diseases; and

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12 Whereas, Obesity-related medical expenditures in Hawai'i were calculated to be over \$323M in 2009; and

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14 Whereas, Sugar-sweetened beverages account for almost half the total added-sugar intake in the U.S.  
15 population and displace healthier and more nutrient-dense beverages like milk, 100% fruit juice and water;  
16 and

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18 Whereas, Refined sugars are one of several important factors that promote tooth decay (dental caries), and a  
19 recent study found that young children who drank carbonated sugar-sweetened beverages had almost double  
20 the risk of dental caries; and

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22 Whereas, The Division of Physical Activity, Nutrition and Obesity (DNPAO) at the Centers for Disease Control  
23 and Prevention (CDC) recommends decreasing the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages as one of six  
24 evidence-based strategies for preventing and reducing overweight and obesity; and

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26 Whereas, The 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans also recommends reducing the intake of sugar-  
27 sweetened beverages as a method to control calorie intake and managing body weight; and

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29 Whereas, Economic incentives are among the most effective tools to change food purchasing behavior; and

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31 Whereas, Current funding for children's health and early learning has been drastically reduced; and

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33 Whereas, It is vitally important that Hawai'i identify a dedicated funding stream to support the health and  
34 well-being of Hawai'i's keiki; now, therefore, be it

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36 *Resolved*, That the O'ahu County Democrats and the Democratic Party of Hawai'i recommend to the  
37 Executive and Legislative branches of Government to commit to investing in the health and well-being of our  
38 *keiki* especially children under the age of eight; and be it further

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40 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats and the Democratic Party of Hawai'i recommend that the Governor  
41 and the members of the Hawai'i State Senate and House of Representatives develop progressive and  
42 innovative legislation such as a sugar sweetened beverage (SSB) tax to limit the intake of sugar sweetened  
43 beverages and support the expansion of healthier nutritional drink options; and be it further

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45 *Resolved*, That O'ahu County Democrats and the Democratic Party of Hawai'i recommend that revenues from  
46 SSB tax be directed to fund early childhood obesity and dental caries prevention programs, and early  
47 childhood health promotion, development and learning programs; and be it finally

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49 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and all Democratic members of the  
50 Hawai'i State Legislature.

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53 Submitted by Loretta Fuddy and Debbie Shimizu