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2022-2023 Legislative Priorities

Economy

Grow, attract and retain businesses that further diversify our economy in sustainable ways, including independent health care providers, technology, agriculture, etc.

Reduce the tax burden on residents and businesses while preserving equity and adequately enabling government functions and services

Focus on imminent economic concerns including energy, inflation, affordable housing, labor shortages, and supply chain impediments

Government

Reduce regulations adversely impacting businesses while advancing sustainability and self-sufficiency

Support creation and advancement of economic redevelopment districts

Recognizing its broad impact, support improvement of county permitting system, including greater transparency, user-friendliness and timely execution

Support critical government infrastructure projects including roads, water treatment systems, bridges, mass transit, childcare facilities and expansion of healthcare facilities including HMC

Education

Support funding for UHH/HCC infrastructure improvements and expansion

Expand the number of teachers and core investments in our public schools

Support advancement of apprenticeship programs, health care training, high-tech sectors (e.g., astronomy) and related workforce development, to encourage graduating students to remain in the Hawai'i workforce

Encourage creation of more place-based STEM programs in public schools, enabling studies through indigenous and contemporary ways of knowing