

Funds for Obesity Prevention.

MHAC supports the Childhood Obesity Prevention to continue funding interventions in preschools, schools, communities, faith organizations, and health care settings that promote and support physical activity and healthy eating; and continue funding worksite chronic disease/obesity prevention programs for State employees.

The Council recommends the following with a special emphasis on reaching populations disproportionately impacted by obesity. \$3,829,454R – FY 2009-10

Supported by SB 240, Section 1(2)

Sponsors: Senators: Purcell, Atwater, Dorsett, Forrester, Malone, Kinnaird, McKissick, and Swindell

Diabetes Education Umbrella

Provide funding to establish a diabetes education umbrella to be located in the state health director's office. Create positions for an ADA qualified dietitian and registered nurse to provide oversight of local health department's diabetes education programs to meet ADA requirements and receive reimbursement.

The Council recommends the following with a special emphasis on reaching populations disproportionately impacted by the disease. \$86,756R – FY 2008-09

Supported by SB 240, Section 1(7)

Sponsors: Senators: Purcell, Atwater, Dorsett, Forrester, Malone, Kinnaird, McKissick, and Swindell

Increase in Cigarette Tax

MHAC supports the North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM) Prevention Task Force recommendation which calls for the NC General Assembly to increase the tax on a pack of cigarette to meet the current national average. The cigarette tax should be regularly indexed to the national average whenever there is a difference of at least 10% between the national average cost of a pack of cigarettes both product and taxes) and the North Carolina average cost of a pack of cigarettes. MHAC recommends that a portion of the revenues be used to reduce tobacco related illnesses, conditions, and health disparities.

The Council recommends the following expansion \$2,500,000R – FY 2008-09

Dental School

MHAC supports the establishment of the East Carolina University School of Dentistry.

Healthy Youth Act

MHAC supports an act to provide for abstinence until marriage and comprehensive sexuality education programs in grades seven through nine.

Supported by SB 221

Sponsors: Senators: Graham; Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Bingham, Boseman, Dannelly, Davis, Dorsett, Foriest, Garrou, Jenkins, Jones, Kinnaird, Malone, McKissick, Nesbitt, Purcell, Queen, Shaw, Stien, and Weinstein.

Supported by HB 88

Sponsors: Representatives: England, Fisher, Adams, Wilkins (Primary Sponsors); K. Alexander, M. Alexander, Allen, Blue, Bordsen, Bryant, Carney, Cotham, Crawford, Dickson, Earle, Farmer-Butterfield, E. Floyd, Glazier, goforth, Goodwin, Hall, Harrell, Harrison, Holliman, Hughes, Insko, Jackson, Jeffus, Jones, Lucas, Luebke, Mackey, Martin, Owens, Parmon, Ross, Sutton, Tarleton, Tolson, Wainwright, E. Warren, Weiss, Womble, and Wray

NC Statewide Smoke Free Air Legislation

MHAC supports an act to prohibit smoking in all enclosed public places and places of employment.

Supported by SB 205

Sponsors: Senators: Purcell; Clodfelter, Davis, Dorsett, Foriest, Goss, Graham, Hartsell, Jones, Kinnaird, Malone, McKissick, Rand, Snow, and Stein

Supported by HB 2

Sponsors: Representatives: Holliman, Weiss, Glazier, Barnhart (Primary Sponsors); Adams, M. Alexande4r, Bordsen, Burris-Floyd, Carney, Cotham, Dickerson, England, Fisher, Coforth, Goodwin, Hall, Harrell, Harrison, Insko, Luebke, Mackey, Martin, Neumann, Pierce, Ross, Tarleton, Underhill, Wray, and Yongue