
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CLOTHESLINES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that electric clothes
2 dryers use over ten per cent of many households' total energy
3 demand. Reducing the use of clothes dryers in the state could
4 substantially decrease the amount of electricity that households
5 use, and thereby reduce the amount of fossil fuels used to
6 generate electricity.

7 The legislature further finds that simple clotheslines make
8 efficient use of two abundant resources, sun and wind, to dry
9 clothing. For aesthetic reasons, however, many homeowners
10 associations' prohibit or render ineffective the use of
11 clotheslines to dry clothes by association member homeowners.
12 The legislature further finds that, while aesthetic concerns may
13 have been acceptable 20 years ago, it makes no sense today to
14 restrict smart energy-saving behavior given Hawaii's high energy
15 costs, overdependence of fossil fuels, and climate change
16 issues.



1 The purpose of this Act is to allow the use of clotheslines
2 on any privately owned single-family residential dwelling or
3 townhouse.

4 SECTION 2. Section 196-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending the title and subsection (a) as follows:

6 "**§196-7 Placement of solar energy devices[-] and**
7 **clotheslines.** (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no
8 person shall be prevented by any covenant, declaration, bylaws,
9 restriction, deed, lease, term, provision, condition, codicil,
10 contract, or similar binding agreement, however worded, from
11 installing a solar energy device on any single-family
12 residential dwelling or townhouse that the person owns[-] , or
13 erecting and using a clothesline for the purpose of drying
14 clothes on the premises of any single-family residential
15 dwelling or townhouse that the person owns; provided that rules
16 that facilitate the placement of clotheslines shall not be
17 unduly or unreasonably restrictive. Any provision in any lease,
18 instrument, or contract contrary to the intent of this section
19 shall be void and unenforceable."

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

22 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Solar Energy; Clotheslines

Description:

Allows for the use of clotheslines on any privately owned single-family residential dwelling or townhouse. (HB3211 HD1)

