
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 limit the use of clotheslines to dry
11 clothes by association member homeowners. The legislature
12 further finds that, while aesthetic concerns may have been
13 acceptable 20 years ago, it makes no sense today to restrict
14 smart energy-saving behavior given Hawaii's high energy costs,
15 overdependence of fossil fuels, and climate change issues.

16 The purpose of this Act is to allow the use of clotheslines
17 on any privately owned single-family residential dwelling or
18 townhouse.



1 SECTION 2. Section 196-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as
3 follows:

4 "**§196-7 Placement of solar energy devices**[-] **and**
5 **clotheslines.** (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no
6 person shall be prevented by any covenant, declaration, bylaws,
7 restriction, deed, lease, term, provision, condition, codicil,
8 contract, or similar binding agreement, however worded, from
9 installing a solar energy device on any single-family
10 residential dwelling or townhouse that the person owns[-] , or
11 installing and using a clothesline for the purpose of drying
12 clothes on the premises of any single-family residential
13 dwelling or townhouse that the person owns; provided that rules
14 that facilitate the placement of clotheslines shall not be
15 unduly or unreasonably restrictive. Any provision in any lease,
16 instrument, or contract contrary to the intent of this section
17 shall be void and unenforceable."

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Solar Energy; Clotheslines

Description:

Provides that no person shall be prevented from installing and using a clothesline to dry clothes on the premises of any single-family residential dwelling or townhouse that the person owns. (HB3211 HD2)

