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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSEHOLD ENERGY DEMAND.

**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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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.



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**Report Title:**

Solar Energy; Clotheslines

**Description:**

Allows for the use of clotheslines on any privately owned single-family residential dwelling or townhouse. (HB2933 HD1)

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