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HB 3211 - RELATING TO CLOTHESLINES
Strongly Support

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The *Windward Ahupua`a Alliance* strongly supports **HB 3211** because it will help reduce the total amount of electricity we consume here in Hawai`i no matter what fuel feedstock is used to generate it.

I first raised this issue years when we first considered moving to one of the newer subdivisions on O`ahu; however, I was told that exterior clotheslines were banned even in backyards because they're ugly - even when there's no laundry hanging from them.

Believe it or not - that was one of the reasons we decided to move to Windward O`ahu. As far as I know, there are no single-family neighborhoods in Waimanalo, Kailua, or Kane`ohe with restrictive covenants barring clotheslines.

When Jeff Mikulina was going through the confirmation process for the *Honolulu Planning Commission*, I remember asking him once he became a **Commissioner** to examine all subdivision applications to see if these restrictions were still being added. Like so many people who live in older neighborhoods and communities, he was unaware that such covenant restrictions existed. I told him that every household - especially single-family homes - should have the **Right To Dry**. I also suggested that townhouse developments might seriously consider communal laundry areas where four to six families could share the facilities including line space rather than having each unit having its own.

We here in Hawai`i are blessed with great weather approximately 340 days of the year. People should have option of drying their laundry outdoors in their back yards no matter where they live. We

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urge that you pass **HB 3211**.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.