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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY TO EXPAND IT'S "PAY-AS-YOU-SAVE" PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WHO INSTALL SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS AND PHOTOVOLTAIC HEATING SYSTEMS.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Electric company has been in  
2 partnership with the Lingle Administration, the Department of  
3 Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and the State  
4 Consumer Advocate in months of discussions and work on the  
5 Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative (HCEI); and

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7           WHEREAS, the "Pay-As-You Save" Program is part of the  
8 HCEI; and outs solar water heaters on a resident's roof at no  
9 charge and is paid for out of monthly savings remitted for  
10 payment of the equipment and;

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12           WHEREAS, Governor Lingle has stated, "I feel strongly that  
13 the State and our major utility can and must continue finding  
14 common ground in moving forward and taking decisive and bold  
15 steps toward an energy-independent Hawaii"; and

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17           WHEREAS, installing a solar water heater is one of the best  
18 way a homeowner can reduce utility bills, save energy and  
19 protect the environment; and

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21           WHEREAS, there is an estimated 85,000 residential solar  
22 water heating systems statewide; and

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24           WHEREAS, one in four single-family homes in Hawaii has a  
25 solar water heater; and

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27           WHEREAS, in 2007, HECO in addition to a federal and state  
28 tax credit, provided a \$1,000 rebate to help reduce out-of-  
29 pocket costs and;

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1 WHEREAS, the "Pay-as-you-Save" Program has incentivized  
 2 only 1,200 solar water heating systems on the roofs of Hawaii  
 3 homes and has the potential for outfitting many more homes; now,  
 4 therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 7 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 8 of 2009, that the Hawaiian Electric company is requested expand  
 9 the "Pay-as-you-Save Program" for people who install solar water  
 10 heating systems and photovoltaic heating systems; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 13 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Hawaiian Electric  
 14 Company, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
 15 Tourism, the State Consumer Advocate, and the Hawaii Solar  
 16 Energy Association.  
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