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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY TO EXTEND ITS ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR THE HOME PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaiian Electric Company's Energy Solutions for  
2 the Home program has been instrumental in installing more than  
3 39,000 residential solar water heating systems since the  
4 program's inception in 1996; and

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6           WHEREAS, 75 percent of all homes in Hawaii still do not  
7 have solar water-heating systems; and

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9           WHEREAS, Hawaiian Electric Company customers could save up  
10 to 90 percent on their water heating costs with solar water  
11 heaters; and

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13           WHEREAS, even with current tax incentives, many homes in  
14 Hawaii are not installing solar water-heating systems; and

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16           WHEREAS, there is ample sun in Hawaii to make solar thermal  
17 systems effective because an average 1,100-square-foot rooftop  
18 soaks up the energy equivalent of about 15 gallons of gasoline a  
19 day; and

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21           WHEREAS, no other state is as dependent as Hawaii on oil  
22 for its electricity needs; and

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24           WHEREAS, Hawaii sends billions of dollars a year out of  
25 state to import fuel for energy and getting more energy from our  
26 local resources will keep more of that money at home, creating  
27 jobs and opportunities; and

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29           WHEREAS, in an age of international terror and other  
30 security threats at home and abroad, depending on imported oil  
31 is dangerous and much of the oil Hawaii uses comes from unstable  
32 and volatile nations; and



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WHEREAS, oil prices are unstable and create a challenging economic climate and a transition away from electricity produced from oil would bring more stability to Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, that the Hawaiian Electric Company extend its Energy Solutions for the Home program for another 10 years and for an additional 10,000 customers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Hawaiian Electric Company.

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