
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 make up over ten per cent of many households' total
3 energy use. Reducing the use of electric clothes dryers
4 statewide could substantially decrease the amount of energy that
5 households use and thereby reduce the amount of fossil fuels
6 used to generate electricity in the State.

7 The legislature finds that simple clotheslines make
8 efficient use of two abundant resources, the sun and the wind,
9 to dry clothing. For aesthetic reasons, however, many
10 homeowners' associations prohibit the use of clotheslines or
11 render them ineffective through unreasonably restrictive
12 regulation. The legislature further finds that although
13 aesthetic concerns still exist today, they are not necessarily
14 incompatible with environmental and energy security concerns,
15 especially in the current context of high energy costs, climate
16 change issues, and Hawaii's goal of increasing energy



1 independence and maintaining an aesthetically pleasing
2 environment.

3 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit real estate
4 contracts, agreements, and rules from precluding or rendering
5 ineffective the use of clotheslines on the premises of single-
6 family dwellings or townhouses.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
9 and to read as follows:

10 "§196- Placement of clotheslines. (a) Notwithstanding
11 any law to the contrary, no person shall be prevented by any
12 covenant, declaration, bylaws, restriction, deed, lease, term,
13 provision, condition, codicil, contract, or similar binding
14 agreement, however worded, from installing a clothesline on any
15 single-family residential dwelling or townhouse that the person
16 owns. Any provision in any lease, instrument, or contract
17 contrary to the intent of this section shall be void and
18 unenforceable.

19 (b) Every private entity may adopt rules that reasonably
20 restrict the placement and use of clotheslines for the purpose
21 of drying clothes on the premises of any single-family
22 residential dwelling or townhouse; provided that those

1 restrictions do not prohibit the use of clotheslines altogether.
2 No private entity shall assess or charge any homeowner any fees
3 for the placement of any clothesline.

4 (c) For the purposes of this section:

5 "Clothesline" means a rope, cord, wire, or similar device
6 on which laundry is hung to dry.

7 "Private entity" means any association of homeowners,
8 community association, condominium association, cooperative, or
9 any other non-governmental entity with covenants, bylaws, and
10 administrative provisions with which the homeowner's compliance
11 is required."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Description:

Allows the use of clotheslines on any privately owned single-family residential dwelling or townhouse. (SB1338 HD2)

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