

JAN 28 2009

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that solar water heating
2 systems provide numerous financial, economic, and environmental
3 benefits to Hawaii's residents, businesses, electric utility
4 companies, and to the State itself. The State of Hawaii spends
5 billions of dollars each year to import fossil fuels. By using
6 the sun instead of expensive and polluting fossil fuel to heat
7 water, Hawaii immediately benefits from one of its best and
8 least expensive import substitution opportunities.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
10 Hawaii public housing authority for the first two years of a
11 five-year project to install solar water heating systems for
12 public housing units in the State.

13 SECTION 2. The public housing authority shall install
14 solar water heating systems for all public housing units within
15 five years from the effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue
17 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$13,360,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
2 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal biennium 2009-
3 2011 for the installation of solar water heating systems for
4 public housing units in the State.

5 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital
6 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
7 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
8 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
9 unencumbered as of June 30, 2012, shall lapse as of that date.

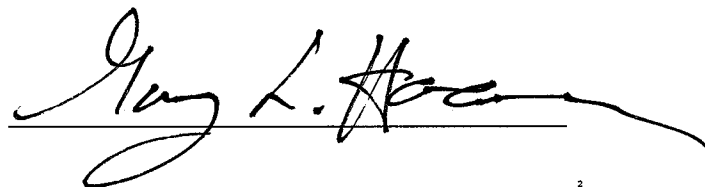
10 SECTION 5. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
11 public housing authority for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 6. The public housing authority, in cooperation
13 with other state and federal agencies, shall seek all available
14 sources of funding for the project, including but not limited to
15 funds from the Hawaii housing finance and development
16 corporation as provided in section 201H-204, Hawaii Revised
17 Statutes, and grants from the United States Department of Energy
18 as provided in title 10 Code of Federal Regulations sections
19 420.1 through 420.38.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY:



Report Title:

Energy Resources; Solar Water Heating; Public Housing Authority;
General Obligation Bonds

Description:

Requires the public housing authority to install solar water heating systems in public housing units over a five-year period. Makes appropriation.

