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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY DEVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 196-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Every private entity shall adopt rules by
4 December 31, [~~2006,~~] 2010, that provide for the placement of
5 solar energy devices. The rules shall facilitate the placement
6 of solar energy devices and shall not [~~unduly or unreasonably~~
7 ~~restrict that placement so as to~~] render the device more than
8 twenty-five per cent less efficient or [~~to~~] increase the cost of
9 installation, maintenance, or removal of the device by more than
10 fifteen per cent. No private entity shall assess or charge any
11 homeowner any fees for the placement of any solar energy
12 device[-] or require an encumbrance on title."

13 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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Report Title:

Solar Energy Device; Condominiums

Description:

Clarifies that the rules of a private condominium entity shall not render a solar energy device more than twenty-five per cent less effective, increase the cost of installation, maintenance, or removal of a solar energy device, or require an encumbrance on title because of the placement of the solar energy device.

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