
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO INCLUDE TOWNHOMES IN THE RESIDENTIAL
PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS.

1 WHEREAS, the State has a goal to achieve one hundred
2 percent clean energy by 2045; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Permitting of the
5 City and County of Honolulu is experiencing a backlog for
6 commercial permits for the installation of solar panels, causing
7 delays of up to two years; and

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9 WHEREAS, commercial permits are required for solar panel
10 installations for townhomes, while these installations for
11 single-family homes require only a residential permit; and

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13 WHEREAS, this policy is preventing thousands of townhome
14 owners from contributing to Hawaii's renewable energy goals,
15 thereby jeopardizing the State's energy security and its goal of
16 reaching one hundred percent clean energy by 2045; and

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18 WHEREAS, Hawaii residents should have the opportunity to
19 take advantage of federal and state tax incentives for the
20 installation of solar panels, which can save households
21 thousands of dollars; and

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23 WHEREAS, the State and counties should support the growth
24 of local solar installation companies; and

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26 WHEREAS, allowing more residents to install solar panels
27 would contribute to the stabilization of Hawaii's energy grid
28 and the provision of alternate means of power in the event of an
29 emergency; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the counties are
4 urged to include townhomes in the residential permitting process
5 for the installation of solar panels; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of
9 the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Hawaii,
10 Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Kauai, Chief
11 Energy Officer, Director of the Department of Planning and
12 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, Director of the
13 Planning Department of the County of Hawaii, Director of the
14 Planning Department of the County of Maui, and Director of the
15 Planning Department of the County of Kauai.

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