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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSEHOLD ENERGY DEMAND.

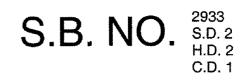
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that electric clothes
 dryers use over ten per cent of many households' total energy
 demand. Reducing the use of clothes dryers in the state could
 substantially decrease the amount of electricity that households
 use and thereby reduce the amount of fossil fuels used to
 generate electricity.

7 The legislature further finds that simple clotheslines make efficient use of two abundant resources, sun and wind, to dry 8 clothing. For aesthetic reasons, however, many homeowners 9 10 associations' prohibit or render ineffective the use of 11 clotheslines to dry clothes by association member homeowners. 12 The legislature further finds that, while aesthetic concerns may 13 have been acceptable 20 years ago, it makes no sense today to 14 restrict smart energy-saving behavior given Hawaii's high energy costs, Hawaii's overdependence on fossil fuels, and climate 15 16 change issues.

17 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit:

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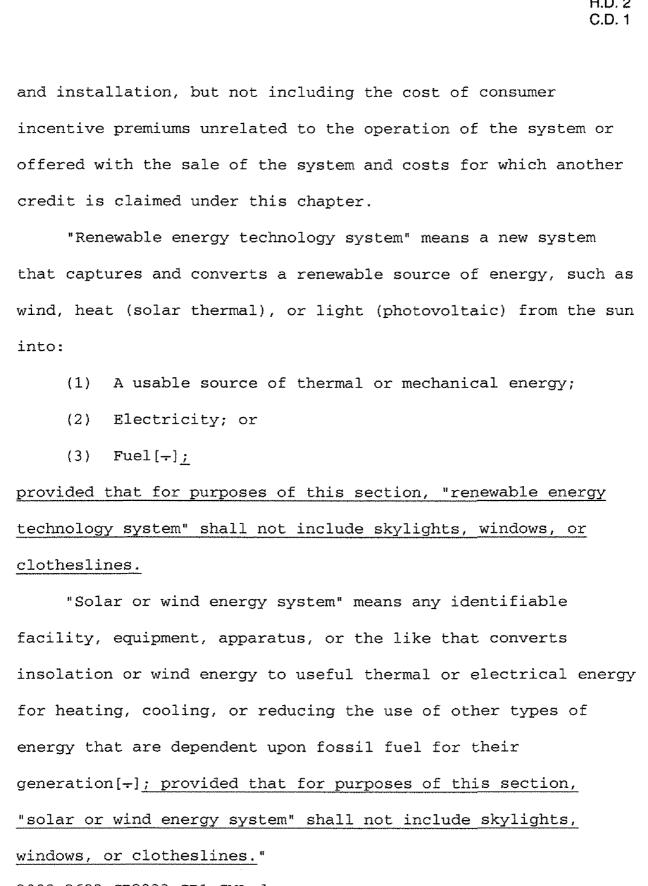
1	(1) Contracts and other binding agreements from precluding
2	the erecting and use of clotheslines on the premises
3	of single-family residential dwellings; and
4	(2) Rules on the placement of clotheslines from being
5	unduly or unreasonably restrictive.
6	SECTION 2. Section 196-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7	amended as follows:
8	1. By amending its title and subsection (a) to read:
9	"§196-7 Placement of solar energy devices. (a)
10	Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no person shall be
11	prevented by any covenant, declaration, bylaws, restriction,
12	deed, lease, term, provision, condition, codicil, contract, or
13	similar binding agreement, however worded, from installing a
14	solar energy device on any single-family residential dwelling or
15	townhouse that the person owns[\pm], or erecting and using a
16	clothesline for the purpose of drying clothes on the premises of
17	any single-family residential dwelling or townhouse that the
18	person owns; provided that rules that facilitate the placement
19	of clotheslines shall not be unduly or unreasonably restrictive.
20	Any provision in any lease, instrument, or contract contrary to
21	the intent of this section shall be void and unenforceable."
22	2. By amending subsection (f) to read:

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1	"(f) For the purposes of this section:
2	"Private entity" means any association of homeowners,
3	community association, condominium association, cooperative, or
4	any other non-governmental entity with covenants, bylaws, and
5	administrative provisions with which the homeowner's compliance
6	is required.
7	"Solar energy device" means any identifiable facility,
8	equipment, apparatus, or the like, [including a photovoltaic
9	cell application,] that is applicable to a single-family
10	residential dwelling or townhouse and makes use of solar energy
11	for heating, cooling, or reducing the use of other types of
12	energy dependent upon fossil fuel for generation [+], including,
13	but not limited to, photovoltaic cell applications and
14	clotheslines; provided that for purposes of this section,
15	"clothesline" means a rope, cord, or wire on which laundry is
16	hung to dry; provided further that "solar energy device" shall
17	not include skylights or windows."
18	SECTION 3. Section 235-12.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19	amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
20	"(b) For the purposes of this section:

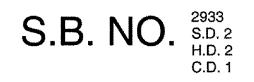
21 "Actual cost" means costs related to the renewable energy 22 technology systems under subsection (a), including accessories





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- SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Solar Energy; Clotheslines

Description:

Allows for the use of clotheslines on any privately owned single-family residential dwelling or townhouse. (CD1)