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A BILL FOR AN ACT

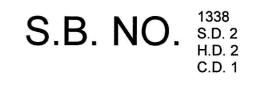
RELATING TO HOUSEHOLD ENERGY DEMAND.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that electric clothes
dryers make up over ten per cent of many households' total
energy use. Reducing the use of electric clothes dryers
statewide could substantially decrease the amount of energy that
households use and thereby reduce the amount of fossil fuels
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 render them ineffective through unreasonably restrictive 11 regulation. The legislature further finds that although 12 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

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

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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 upon approval.

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Report Title:

Solar Energy, Clotheslines, Household Energy Demand

Description:

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

