

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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July 8, 2008

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2933

Honorable Members
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 2933, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Household Energy Demand."

The purpose of this bill is to prevent contracts and other binding agreements from precluding the erecting of clotheslines on the premises of single-family residences or townhouses.

I agree that Hawaii residents should consider using clotheslines as an alternative to electric dryers. This is a simple and easy way to lower individual energy costs and help the environment. However, this bill is objectionable because the proper way to promote this practice is through advertising and public education campaigns, not government regulation.

Homeowners who choose to buy a home or townhouse in a neighborhood governed by a community association do so for a reason - they want to live in a community that provides and protects their property values. These homeowners often pay more for this option and, upon purchase, agree to abide by specific covenants and rules that regulate certain activities, such as the number of cars that can be parked on the street, the color of the paint on their house, and the use or placement of objects in their yards. This bill unnecessarily invalidates homeowners'

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contracts and inserts government regulation into a local, community matter.

If those living in community associations determine they want change, they can and should work within their individual associations to find solutions that are tailored to their individual community needs. This bill provides a one-size-fits-all approach that is unnecessary and unfair to certain homeowners in Hawaii.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2933 without my approval.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle", written in a cursive style.

LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii