

Proclamation

Hawai'i depends on imported fossil fuel to meet more than 90 percent of its energy needs, and our energy costs are among the highest in the nation. That is why our Administration implemented the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative in 2008, with the goal of utilizing renewable resources to supply 70 percent or more of Hawai'i's energy needs by 2030. On June 26, 2008, the Lingle-Aiona Administration signed ACT 204 into law, mandating the installation of solar or tankless water heaters in all single-family dwellings constructed after January 1, 2010.

In addition, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) has designed and built affordable homes that are energy efficient, self-sufficient and sustainable, encouraging native Hawaiians and the broader community to work together to become a part of the solution. DHHL also assists homesteaders with retrofit applications, including solar hot water heating systems, and encourages using energy-efficiency rebates, tax credits and other incentives offered by the state, federal and county governments.

Using a solar water heater is one of the most cost-effective ways for a family to lower their electricity consumption. In 1996, Hawaiian Electric Company, Maui Electric Company and Hawai'i Electric Light Company, collectively referred to as Hawaiian Electric Company, launched the Solar Water Heating Rebate program to encourage residential customers to install renewable, energy-efficient water heating in their homes. The program set industry standards, ensuring residential customers installation by a qualified solar water heating contractor.

The Hawaiian Electric Companies work cooperatively with the solar industry and solar contractors to broaden the scope of residential installations, reaching local developers and the military markets. The Hawaiian Electric Companies' Solar Water Heating Rebate program offers a rebate of \$1,000, federal and state tax credits for qualified homeowners, long-term energy savings and a 100-point quality control post-installation inspection by the utility. Over the course of 13 years, the Hawaiian Electric Companies have paid out more than \$45.5 million in customer rebates.

With the installations to date, the program reduces the demand for electricity in Honolulu, Maui and Hawai'i Counties by 111,328 megawatt-hours a year, saving 210,000 barrels of oil and reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 116,000 tons.


Recently, a Honolulu resident became the 50,000th customer of the Solar Water Heating Rebate program. The 50,000 systems installed during the program, combined with previously installed solar systems brings the state's total to more than 80,000, making Hawai'i a national leader with an estimated one out of three single-family homes equipped with solar water heating.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **June 21–27, 2009**, as

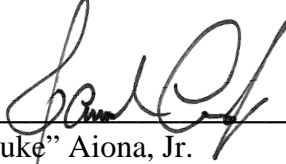
SOLAR WATER HEATING WEEK

in Hawai'i, to mark Hawaiian Electric Companies' successful achievement of reaching a milestone 50,000 solar water heating units.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of June 2009.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i