



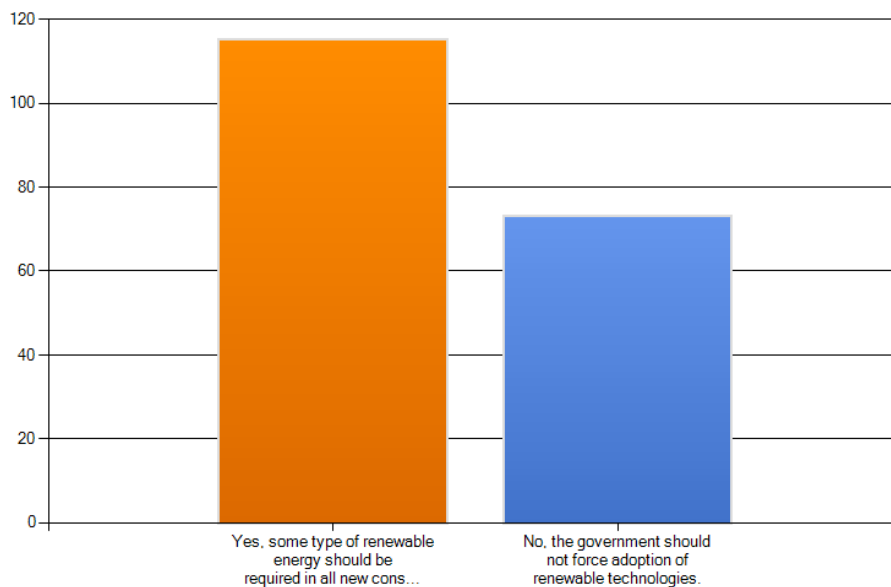
## News from Shaines & McEachern, PA and [GreenEnergyLaw.org](http://GreenEnergyLaw.org)

### OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR RENEWABLE INCENTIVES BASED ON JANUARY 2010 SURVEY

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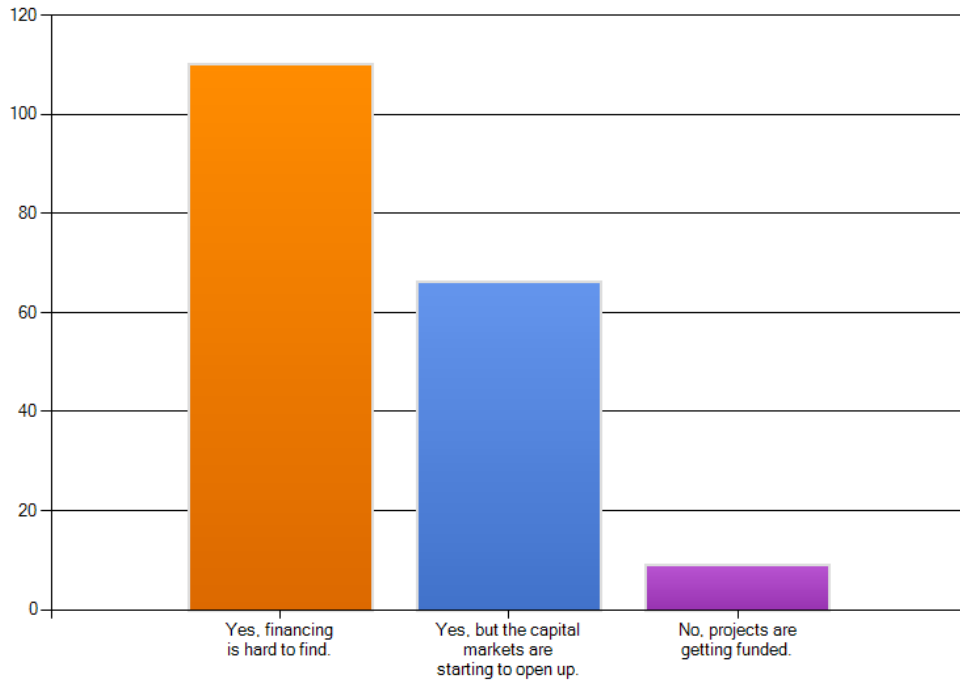
The results of a recent survey of almost 3,000 business leaders, renewable energy developers and installers reaffirm an overwhelming support for government incentives and other programs designed to promote renewable energy development. Hawaii's new state law mandating solar water heating systems in all new construction was the featured question. By an almost 2:1 ratio, respondents supported the new law. An even greater percentage answered that the existing tax credits and grants were critical to the advancement of renewable technologies while a smaller percentage supported the relative value of the bonus depreciation that had been available in 2009 for new development.

**QUESTION 1:** As of January 1st, all new single-family home construction in Hawaii requires a solar water heating system. This may save the average homeowner about \$6 to \$12 or more per person per month but will cost about \$5,250 before rebates. Should other states adopt this type of legislation in addition to existing rebates and other incentives?

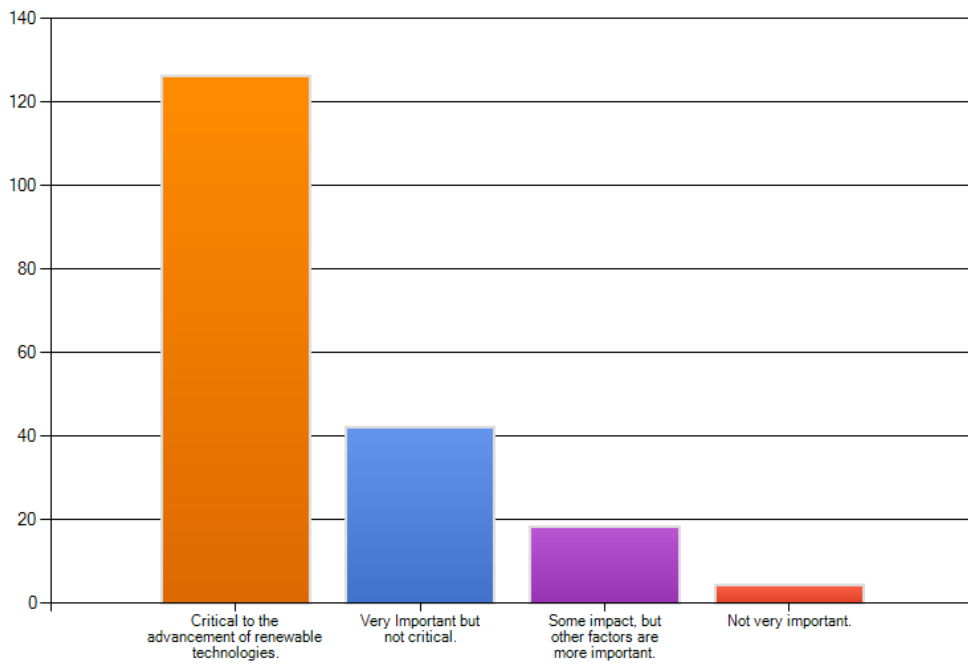




**QUESTION 2: Is financing still a major challenge for renewable energy technology and projects?**

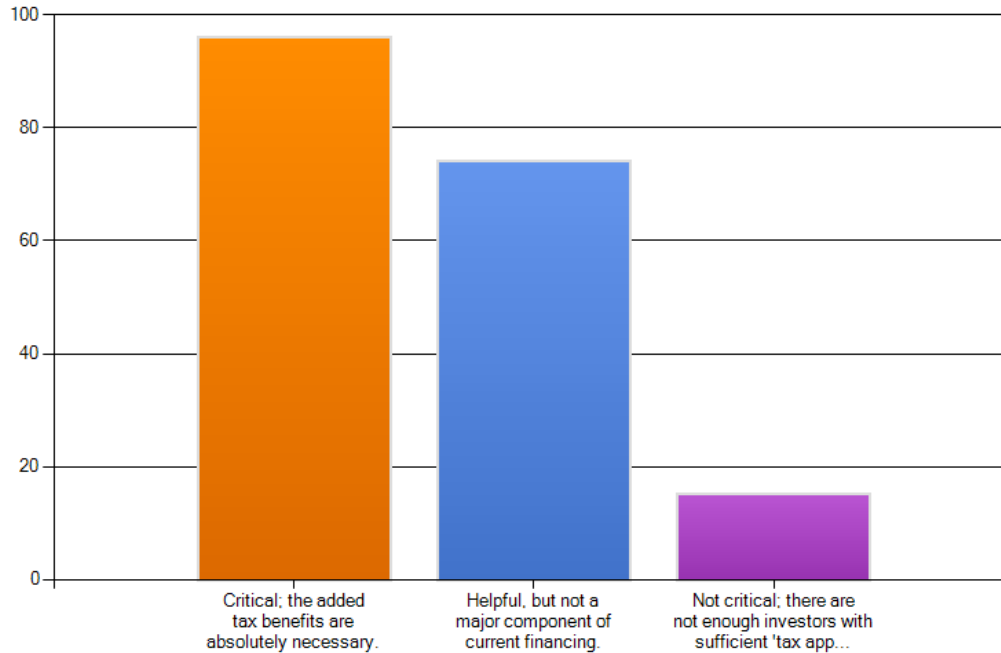


**QUESTION 3: How important are the existing tax credits and grants to the adoption of renewable energy technologies?**





**QUESTION 4:** The 50% bonus depreciation applicable to some renewable technologies ended December 31st. An effort is underway in Washington to extend this bonus depreciation for one year for property placed in service in 2010. How important is this bonus depreciation in financing renewable energy projects?



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