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It's cool that ocean water can keep us cool

Never thought of low temperatures as one of Hawaii's natural resources. But under the deep blue sea it is quite chilly, and it's great to hear that Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning LLC has hired Seattle's Frank Coluccio Construction Co. to start laying the pipes on its long-awaited seawater air-conditioning project.

The magical ingredient in this fairly simple concept is proximity: A lot of high-rise downtown Honolulu buildings are located fairly close to the chilled H₂O, with the sea floor plunging to a depth of 1,700 feet off Kakaako's shoreline. How cool is that?

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