HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES INC Form 8-K January 06, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: January 6, 2012

Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter

Commission File Number

1-8503

I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

99-0208097

Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.

State of Hawaii

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

900 Richards Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

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None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Since August 18, 2011, Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. (HEI) has been satisfying the requirements of the HEI Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (DRIP), HEI Retirement Savings Plan (HEIRSP), American Savings Bank (ASB) 401(k) Plan and other plans through open market purchases of its common stock. HEI has determined that it will begin satisfying the requirements of the DRIP, HEIRSP, ASB 401(k) Plan and other plans through new issuances of its common stock beginning January 9, 2012 or soon thereafter.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES, INC. (Registrant)

/s/ James A. Ajello

James A. Ajello

Executive Vice President,

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

(Principal Financial Officer of HEI)

Date: January 6, 2012

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