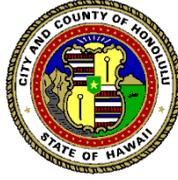


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**MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BICYCLING**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

To: Kirk Caldwell, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu

SUBJECT: Bicycle Registration Database

Date: February 13, 2013

Your MACB's purpose is to advise City and County of bicycling community's' concerns. From time to time our committee issues memoranda providing advice and recommendations on specific issues concerning bicycling.

Bicycle theft and stolen bicycle recovery is a serious concern. For bicycle registration to be more effective in discouraging bicycle theft and fostering stolen bicycle recovery we strongly recommend creating and maintaining an up-to-date searchable website listing all stolen bicycle serial number in Hawaii.

Currently, stolen bicycle serial numbers are not shared between islands nor promptly shared between Bicycle Registration and Police Departments. Honolulu City and County Police Department is approximately three months behind in reporting stolen bicycle serial numbers to Honolulu City and County Bicycle Registration Department. Consequently, stolen bicycles can be sold and registered under a new owner. When an individual tries registering a stolen bicycle, that person reports to Bicycle Registration Department their name, address and contact information. However, Bicycle Registration Department does not report this information to Police nor inform Police a stolen bicycle has been found. Bicycle Registration Department simply notifies applicant the bicycle cannot be registered because it is stolen. Bicycle Registration Department still maintains paper bicycle registration files.

We advocate creating an up-to-date searchable website listing all stolen bicycle serial numbers viewable by public. This website would allow Police and Registration Offices to immediately list all stolen bicycle serial numbers and for Bicycle Registration Offices to inform police when any new information is known regarding a stolen bicycle. A searchable website would prevent Bicycle Registration Department from registering a stolen bicycle that it has not yet been informed as missing by Police Department and discourage stolen bicycle sales by allowing individuals and bicycle shops to quickly determine if a bicycle is stolen prior to purchase.

Thank you for considering the committee's recommendations.

With very best regards,

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Bicycling