

SB 210

RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES AND
MOPEDS.

Prohibits assessment of a fee for registration of a bicycle or moped that is gifted within 90 days of issuance of the original certificate of registration.

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Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Th 1/31/13 Rm 224 3pm

Submitted by Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League

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In consultation with local bike shops another possible solution should be considered:

The purchaser should be allowed to put the name of the gift recipient on the registration form. Currently if the name on the registration form is not the same as the name of the buyer (signer), the registration is returned to the bike shop and the shop has to get in touch with the buyer to resubmit the form.

“Currently the licensing department is really strict with assuring that the signature lines up with the name. If they were to allow the purchaser to sign the license but fill in the name of who is actually getting the bike with some sort of "gift" notation so the license won't get returned to us as an error it would be really helpful. “

TO: Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FROM: Natalie Iwasa, aka Bike Mom
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HEARING: 3 p.m. Thursday, January 31, 2013

SUBJECT: SB 210 Bicycle and Moped Registration - **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on SB210, which would allow an exception for bicycle and moped registration if gifted within 90 days of issuance of original certificate of registration. I support this bill as it will remove an element of unfairness in the current system.

Currently if someone purchases a bike with the intent of giving it to someone as a gift, a registration fee is paid upon purchase. Then when the bike is given and title transferred, another fee is required. This is the case even though the bike (or moped) wasn't used by the purchaser.

Please vote "yes" and pass this bill.