

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1991
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1991, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit, in counties with a population of five hundred thousand or more, the sale of a bicycle that is reported as stolen and listen on a publicly available online stolen item database; and
- (2) Require the police department in counties with a population of five hundred thousand or more to establish the publicly available online stolen item database.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Gold and Silver Company, Hawaii Pawnbrokers Association, Kamaaina Loan, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that bicycles are a popular form of alternative transportation. Bicycles are used as a means of reducing an individual's transportation expenses, saving an



individual the costs of public transportation or costs associated with owning a motor vehicle. Bicycles are also used as a means of reducing an individual's carbon footprint.

Your Committee further finds that bicycle thefts significantly detract from these benefits, including imposing great financial burdens on individuals who must find replacement transportation. This measure seeks to directly address the issue of stolen bicycle resales by prohibiting the sale of bicycles reported as stolen and listed on a publicly available online stolen item database, which could be used by law enforcement to help recover stolen items and potentially prevent property theft.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the Honolulu Police Department and Hawaii Pawnbrokers Association reached an agreeable solution, submitted in their written testimony to your Committee, with regard to the recordkeeping and retention requirements that appeared in this measure as introduced. Your Committee appreciates the collaboration between the stakeholders to find an agreeable solution and believes that this consensus language should be given further consideration as this measure advances through the legislative process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1991, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1991, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



