

Dear Sirs and Madam,

As a member of the Task Force that made the recommendations which stimulated the current proposed legislation, I can say that we did discuss the possible value of registering apiary locations as a part of revitalizing the apiary licensing law. Registering every location was specifically rejected by the Task Force as will be shown in the minutes. Current statute still contains the provision unenforced since the apiary inspection program was discontinued about 25 years ago. It seems as though this is a good opportunity to delete this provision while making other changes. It would take a great deal of time and cost by the Department and beekeepers to maintain the registrations, and the very next day the list would be outdated. Beehives are being moved on a regular basis. For what purpose does the Department need such information?

Respectfully, George Hansen