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# SENATE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM DESIGN WORKING GROUP TO STUDY, EVALUATE, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE STRUCTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, discarded mattresses and box springs present  
2 unique environmental challenges due to their size, material  
3 composition, and low rates of recycling, contributing to  
4 landfill capacity strain, illegal dumping, fire risk, and  
5 increased solid waste management costs; and  
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7           WHEREAS, a mattress stewardship framework grounded in  
8 extended producer responsibility can support expanded  
9 collection, reuse, recycling, and responsible end-of-life  
10 management, while distributing program costs equitably among  
11 producers, retailers, consumers, and government; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the public interest is served by developing a  
14 comprehensive stewardship plan that identifies regulatory  
15 authority, administrative structure, funding mechanisms,  
16 performance standards, reporting requirements, and consumer  
17 protections; and  
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19           WHEREAS, H.B. No. 1924, H.D. 1 (2026), proposed to  
20 establish a working group to develop a mattress stewardship  
21 program and related structures and contemplated stakeholder  
22 coordination to design an effective and administratively  
23 feasible system; and  
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25           WHEREAS, an inclusive and expert-informed working group  
26 will provide a practical mechanism for developing detailed  
27 recommendations for a mattress stewardship program before  
28 statutory implementation; now, therefore,  
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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,  
32 that a Mattress Stewardship Program Design Working Group is



1 established to study, evaluate, and make recommendations on the  
2 structure and implementation of a statewide Mattress Stewardship  
3 Program; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
6 to consist of the following members:  
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- 8 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee,  
9 who is requested to serve as the chairperson of the  
10 working group;
- 11 (2) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
12 Tourism, or the Director's designee;
- 13 (3) The State Solid Waste Management Coordinator, or the  
14 Coordinator's designee;
- 15 (4) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
16 President of the Senate;
- 17 (5) One member of the House of Representatives, to be  
18 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives; and
- 20 (6) One representative from each county with  
21 responsibility for solid waste management, to be  
22 appointed by the respective mayor; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairperson of the working  
30 group is requested to invite the following to join the working  
31 group:  
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- 33 (1) One representative of mattress manufacturers;
- 34 (2) One representative of mattress renovators or  
35 recyclers;
- 36 (3) One representative of mattress retailers;
- 37 (4) One representative of a solid waste hauling or  
38 materials management company;
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1 (5) One representative of an environmental nonprofit  
2 organization with expertise in product stewardship;  
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5 (6) One representative of a consumer advocacy  
6 organization; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
9 to consider, without limitation:  
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11 (1) Policy goals for environmental stewardship, landfill  
12 diversion, waste reduction, and public health  
13 protection related to mattress and box spring  
14 disposal;  
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16 (2) Extended producer responsibility frameworks, including  
17 obligations of manufacturers, renovators, importers,  
18 distributors, and retailers;  
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20 (3) Collection systems, transportation logistics, reuse  
21 and recycling pathways, and measurable performance  
22 standards;  
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24 (4) Governance and oversight structures for a stewardship  
25 organization;  
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27 (5) Fee structures, financing mechanisms, and appropriate  
28 use of program funds;  
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30 (6) Consumer education, labeling requirements, and  
31 outreach strategies; and  
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33 (7) Statutory, administrative, and budgetary actions  
34 necessary to implement a durable and enforceable  
35 program; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
38 to meet at the call of the chairperson, solicit public and  
39 stakeholder input, and ensure statewide representation; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
42 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,



1 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
2 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
3 of 2027; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate;  
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives; Director of Health;  
8 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; State  
9 Solid Waste Management Coordinator; Mayor of the City and County  
10 of Honolulu; Mayor of the County of Maui; Mayor of the County of  
11 Kauai; and Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

