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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SCR39/SR29  
ESTABLISHING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM DESIGN  
WORKING GROUP TO STUDY, EVALUATE, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE  
STRUCTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP  
PROGRAM.**

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Hearing Date, Time, and Room Number: 03/30/2026, 1:04 pm, 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** This resolution may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's  
2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department's) appropriations and  
3 personnel priorities.

4 **Department Position:** The Department supports this resolution.

5 **Department Testimony:** The Environmental Management Division, Solid and Hazardous Waste  
6 Branch provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

7 This resolution proposes to establish a joint legislative working group to study, evaluate,  
8 and make recommendations on the structure and implementation of a statewide mattress  
9 stewardship program. A report of the working group's findings and recommendations, including  
10 any proposed legislation, is requested no later than twenty days before the 2027 Regular  
11 Session.

1           The Department supports resolutions that would reduce waste contributed to Hawai'i's  
2 landfills. Currently, four states on the U.S. Mainland have mattress stewardship programs, all of  
3 which are operated by one producer responsibility organization (PRO). This proposed working  
4 group includes local stakeholders and the single PRO, which would create an opportunity to  
5 learn from other states' experiences and determine if a mattress stewardship program could be  
6 successfully implemented in Hawai'i, and if so, what its requirements and structure should be.

7           The Department would appreciate clarification on who would lead the proposed  
8 working group, as this would be a joint legislative working group, but the Department is named  
9 as chair.

10 **Offered Amendments:** None.

11           Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Ted Bohlen          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

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conserve precious landfill capacity by excluding mattresses from landfills.

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Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support w/comment WORK WITH CONGRESS MEMBER TO CHANGE POLICY...W/MANUFACTURERS.

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