
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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.

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, House Bill No. 1924, H.D. 1 (Regular Session of
20 2026), proposed to establish a working group to develop a
21 mattress stewardship program and related structures and
22 contemplated stakeholder coordination to design an effective and
23 administratively 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 prior to
28 statutory implementation; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the joint legislative
4 Mattress Stewardship Program Design Working Group is established
5 to study, evaluate, and make recommendations on the structure
6 and implementation of a statewide mattress stewardship program;
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
10 to consist of the following members:

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12 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee,
13 who is requested to serve as the chairperson of the
14 working group;
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16 (2) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
17 Tourism, or the Director's designee;
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19 (3) The State Solid Waste Management Coordinator, or the
20 Coordinator's designee;
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22 (4) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
23 President of the Senate;
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25 (5) One member of the House of Representatives, to be
26 appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
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28 (6) One representative from each county with
29 responsibility for solid waste management, to be
30 appointed by the respective mayor; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairperson is requested to
33 invite the following to join the working group:

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35 (1) One representative of mattress manufacturers;
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37 (2) One representative of mattress renovators or
38 recyclers;
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40 (3) One representative of mattress retailers;
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- 1 (4) One representative of a solid waste hauling or
2 materials management company;
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- 4 (5) One representative of an environmental nonprofit
5 organization with expertise in product stewardship;
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- 8 (6) One representative of a consumer advocacy
9 organization; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
12 to consider, without limitation:

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- 14 (1) Policy goals for environmental stewardship, landfill
15 diversion, waste reduction, and public health
16 protection related to mattress and box spring
17 disposal;
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- 19 (2) Extended producer responsibility frameworks, including
20 obligations of manufacturers, renovators, importers,
21 distributors, and retailers;
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- 23 (3) Collection systems, transportation logistics, reuse
24 and recycling pathways, and measurable performance
25 standards;
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- 27 (4) Governance and oversight structures for a stewardship
28 organization;
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- 30 (5) Fee structures, financing mechanisms, and appropriate
31 use of program funds;
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- 33 (6) Consumer education, labeling requirements, and
34 outreach strategies; and
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- 36 (7) Statutory, administrative, and budgetary actions
37 necessary to implement a durable and enforceable
38 programs; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested
41 to meet at the call of the chairperson, solicit public and
42 stakeholder input, and ensure statewide representation; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health; Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; State Solid Waste Management Coordinator; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Mayor of the County of Maui; Mayor of the County of Kauai; and Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

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