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# SENATE 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 Senate of the Thirty-third  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
3 House of Representatives 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;  
7 and  
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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;  
6           and
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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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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
3 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
4 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
5 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
6 of 2027; and

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

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