
SENATE CONCURRENT 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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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 a Mattress Stewardship
 4 Program Design Working Group is established to study, evaluate,
 5 and make recommendations on the structure and implementation of
 6 a statewide Mattress Stewardship Program; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
 9 to consist of the following members:

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 11 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee,
 12 who is requested to serve as the chairperson of the
 13 working group;
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 15 (2) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
 16 Tourism, or the Director's designee;
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 18 (3) The State Solid Waste Management Coordinator, or the
 19 Coordinator's designee;
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 21 (4) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
 22 President of the Senate;
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 24 (5) One member of the House of Representatives, to be
 25 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 26 Representatives; 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 of the working
 33 group is requested to invite the following to join the working
 34 group:

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 36 (1) One representative of mattress manufacturers;
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 38 (2) One representative of mattress renovators or
 39 recyclers;
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 41 (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 program; 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 President of the Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; 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.

