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SENATE 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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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,



1 that the joint legislative Mattress Stewardship Program Design
2 Working Group is established to study, evaluate, and make
3 recommendations on the structure and implementation of a
4 statewide mattress stewardship program; and

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

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

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32 (1) One representative of mattress manufacturers;
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34 (2) One representative of mattress renovators or
35 recyclers;
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37 (3) One representative of mattress retailers;
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39 (4) One representative of a solid waste hauling or
40 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 programs; 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,



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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 Director of Health; Director of
7 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; State Solid Waste
8 Management Coordinator; Mayor of the City and County of
9 Honolulu; Mayor of the County of Maui; Mayor of the County of
10 Kauai; and Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

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