

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1627-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01, 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 194

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 194 entitled:

"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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish 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.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Solid Waste Reduction Task Force of the Hawaii Environmental Change Agents; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that discarded mattresses and box springs present significant environmental challenges due to their size, composition, and low rates of recycling, contributing to landfill capacity strain and illegal dumping. Your Committee further finds that a mattress stewardship framework that provides for extended producer responsibility can support expanded collection, reuse, and recycling of these products while distributing costs equitably. Your Committee recognizes the need

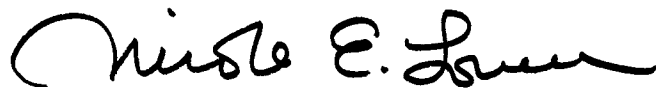
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to properly assess the viability and development of a mattress stewardship program and believes this measure addresses this need by establishing a working group to develop recommendations on the structure and implementation of such a program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 194 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HCR 194</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP, FIN</b>	Date: <b>03/24/2026</b>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)     Pass, with amendments (HD)     Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin				✓
5. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
6. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
<b>TOTAL (7)</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>

The recommendation is:  Adopted     Not Adopted  
 If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Nicole E. Lowen*

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