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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SCR39 SD1
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.**

REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE E. LOWEN, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Hearing Date, Time, and Room Number: 04/17/26, 10:05 am, 325

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** This resolution may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's
- 2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department's) appropriations and
- 3 personnel priorities.
- 4 **Department Position:** The Department supports this resolution.
- 5 **Department Testimony:** The Environmental Management Division, Solid and Hazardous Waste
- 6 Branch provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

7 This resolution proposes to establish a working group to study, evaluate, and make
8 recommendations on the structure and implementation of a statewide mattress stewardship
9 program. A report of the working group's findings and recommendations, including any
10 proposed legislation, is requested no later than twenty days before the 2027 Regular Session.

11 The Department supports resolutions that would reduce waste contributed to Hawai'i's
12 landfills. Currently, four states on the U.S. Mainland have mattress stewardship programs, all of
13 which are operated by one producer responsibility organization (PRO). This proposed working

1 group includes local stakeholders and the single PRO, which would create an opportunity to
2 learn from other states' experiences and determine if a mattress stewardship program could be
3 successfully implemented in Hawai'i, and if so, what its requirements and structure should be.

4 **Offered Amendments:** None.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT!

Mattresses should be recycled, not consuming our limited landfills space.

Please pass these resolutions!