



February 4, 2020

Senator Kathleen Taylor, Chair
Senate Committee on Labor and Business
900 Court Se. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 1564-Mattress Stewardship_ SUPPORT with Amendments.

The City of Eugene supports the statewide mattress recycling and stewardship program that would be established under SB1564. As you have heard, this bill provides a tried and true approach to producer stewardship on a difficult to manage item.

Oregon has a strong history with product stewardship, starting one could argue with the original Bottle Bill, the recent policy innovations have included the E-Cycles program and the PaintCare program. All three of these are good public policy and they also define our environmental culture as a state that provides thoughtful solutions to pressing environmental issues.

The future of our solid waste management systems are based on effective end of life reuse, recycling, and landfilling options and also a clear understanding of the climate change impacts of our purchasing habits. As Eugene works to lower our community's carbon emissions, we are very intent upon addressing the embodied emissions within the products our community purchases. The product stewardship framework outlined in SB 1564 -1 amendments is the type of system that should be implemented for mattresses and for future products in Oregon.

We strongly support the -1 amendments that provide transparency and accountability in enforcing the requirements of the producers in this system.

As you have heard from St Vincent de Paul, this waste stream is managed innovatively to the benefit of the environment, creates jobs in the local community, and produces beneficial social equity outcomes. This type of program is a hallmark to our recycling ethos and will guide the future of our efforts to create a circular economy.

We want to thank Senator Manning and Representative Fahey for their leadership on this topic for our community. Please vote Do Pass for SB 1564 and the -1 amendment.

Sincerely,
Submitted Electronically

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