



January 28, 2021

Senator Lee Beyer, Chair  
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
900 Court Se. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: SB 570-Mattress Stewardship\_ SUPPORT**

The City of Eugene supports the statewide mattress recycling and stewardship program that would be established under SB570. 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 system is based on effective end of life reuse, recycling, and landfilling options, as well as 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 570 is the type of system that should be implemented for mattresses and for future products in Oregon.

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 our local delegation, specifically Senators Manning and Prozanski and Representatives Fahey and Wilde for their leadership on this topic for Eugene. Please schedule SB 570 for a future work session.

Sincerely,

*Submitted Electronically*

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