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I urge you to pass SB 276 out of committee.

As a person who has sat on many DEQ advisory committees, I know what a problem it has been for mattresses to get to a place where they can be recycled. SB 276 would establish a system for collecting and disposing of mattresses in an environmentally-sound manner. Currently California, Connecticut, and Rhode Island have mattress extended product responsibility laws in place. Mattress recycling also creates an economic development opportunity. Oregon non-profits already employ over 25 people who take apart and recycle mattresses and their components.

Extended product responsibility has worked so well for other products we don't want in the landfill—electronics and paint. Let's use it for another difficult to recycle product!

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