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Zero Waste Oregon is a public interest coalition of organizations dedicated to reducing waste going to Oregon landfills. Our coalition supports public policies that hold manufacturers more responsible for disposal costs associated with consumer products, particularly products that require additional handling in order to dispose of safely.

Mattress disposal has become a significant problem for solid waste disposal due to the challenges associated with handling them safely and the sheer numbers of them being introduced into the product stream.

Currently, an estimated 40 million mattresses per year are being thrown away rather than recycled, despite the fact that 80 percent of the materials in mattresses are recyclable.

We urge your committee's passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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