

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1576 Relating to mattresses

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

SB 1576 establishes a program to collect and manage discarded mattresses and box springs. The program is to be run by a stewardship organization, with oversight from the Department of Environmental Quality.

The measure establishes the Mattress Stewardship Fund and DEQ will establish an annual fee paid by the stewardship organization to fund the program. The measure requires at least one permanent collection site in every county, and an additional 25 collection sites distributed around the state.

DEQ anticipates needing a permanent part-time position to oversee the program at an estimated cost of \$56,604 for 2021-23, which will be covered by program fee revenue. The necessary Other Funds expenditure limitation and position authority will be provided in an omnibus budget bill.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 1576 be reported out do pass.