

## HB1355 – UNFAVORABLE

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Has a study been done analyzing the cost for the recycling of mattresses as described in this bill?

This bill creates a recycling process that will be a labor intensive task and as a result will be expensive. The only recyclable material in the end will be the steel springs which will not be reusable because that's why the mattress has been discarded. The steel springs will only be good as a recycled material and today the price for recycled steel is .06 per pound. People will not purchase a re-used mattress because it will have lost the necessary and required support for proper back / spinal column health. That support cannot be restored except through new steel springs which will ultimately lead to a new mattress.

Granted the mattresses could be broken down better to decompose properly in the land fill, this bill does not cover this option.

This bill will simply create another recycling program that will fail because of the expense just like the plastics and co-mingled recyclable materials program has.

100% OPPOSE this bill and ask an unfavorable report as it does not solve any problem in a cost effective manner.

Thank you.

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