



HB 858 Mattress Stewardship Program - Establishment

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Position: Support

Dear Chair Korman, Vice-Chair Boyce, and Members of the Committees:

HB 858 would establish a mattress stewardship program in Maryland to ensure safe management and recycling of mattresses sold throughout the state. Currently an unknown number of mattresses are dumped illegally. Bulky dumped mattresses are difficult to manage when encountered during community cleanups and they can become an eyesore that attracts further dumping activity. Mattresses in the waste stream or dumped are also costly for local governments to collect and manage due to their relative bulk and shape and the space they take up in trucks or disposal points.

We enthusiastically support stewardship models with public oversight for difficult-to-manage or problematic materials like mattresses. This model can alleviate the financial burden of waste management currently borne by local governments and free up local resources for other programs. This program is designed to minimize public sector financial responsibility for the management of mattress disposal while ensuring more Marylanders have convenient access to collection and drop-off points for mattress recycling. The program is also intended to support downstream market development for mattress components to increase recycling and decrease disposal.

Four other states already have mattress stewardship programs; Maryland should be the next state to use this approach to sustainably fund and increase mattress recycling.

We commend and thank Delegate Hill for leadership on this issue and respectfully urge a favorable report on HB858.

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