

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING ) RESOLUTION NO. 20-5069  
STATEWIDE PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP )  
LEGISLATION FOR MATTRESSES ) Introduced by Councilor Craddick

WHEREAS, Metro is the solid waste system planning authority for the greater Portland metropolitan region and acts pursuant to its constitutional, statutory, and charter authority; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 19-1431 Metro adopted the 2030 Regional Waste Plan, which serves as the greater Portland area's blueprint for investing in our garbage and recycling system, reducing the environmental and health impacts of products that end up in this system, and advancing progress toward Metro's racial equity objectives; and

WHEREAS, mattresses are present in the waste stream in significant numbers and pose a challenge for residents needing to manage their discarded mattresses, including those living in multi-family residences; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan is to reduce the environmental impact of products disposed in Oregon, and advocate for product stewardship legislation that reduces those impacts; and

WHEREAS, a mattress stewardship program will conserve resources and can create permanent employment and training opportunities for populations that face significant barriers to employment, including a history of incarceration or homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council in 2019 adopted legislative principles in support of product stewardship legislation and directed Metro staff to support legislation creating programs for managing discarded mattresses based on producer responsibility and product stewardship principles; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the Oregon Legislature will consider legislation establishing a product stewardship program for mattresses; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council supports statewide product stewardship legislation for mattresses, and directs staff to pursue passage of mattress stewardship legislation consistent with the Council's policy priorities and principles.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

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