

# Mattress Stewardship Program Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

## Aug. 26, 2026- Zoom Virtual Meeting

During this meeting DEQ introduced the Mattress Stewardship Program prior to convening the MSPAC to discuss the 2025 annual report. DEQ will provide an overview of the program's legislative history, the program structure and its requirements.

## Meeting Summary

### Welcome and Meeting Objectives, Introductions

Roxann Nayar opened the meeting and welcomed attendees at 1 p.m. This meeting was offered to the Mattress Stewardship Program Advisory Committee as an introduction to the program ahead of the meeting scheduled on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, to discuss the Mattress Stewardship Council's 2025 [annual report](#).

- DEQ staff went over virtual meeting reminders and the agenda for this meeting
- Introductions included:
  - Roxy Nayar, DEQ Program Coordinator for the mattress program; Cheryl Grabham, DEQ Product Stewardship Manager, in Materials Management at Headquarters
  - From the MSPAC: Elizabeth Cole, City of Beaverton; Kristina Fiebig, Tri County Hazardous Waste and Recycling, Wasco County; Britte Kirsch, City of Florence and Environmental Management Committee; Jennifer Purcell, Deputy Director for ORRA; Madeline Sorenson, small business in Eugene.

### Advisory Committee Overview

DEQ staff reviewed the statutory requirements related to the advisory committee and reviewed elements of the [committee charter](#).

- The committee must be convened by DEQ at least once a year to consult with the agency and stewardship program about the annual report. The committee may also be convened to review and consult on program plans and program plan amendments.
- Statute requires that the committee be made up of representatives from local government, the solid waste industry, the environmental community and the public.

### Introduction to Mattress Stewardship Program

- Three other states passed mattress stewardship laws before Oregon: Connecticut, Rhode Island and California.
- Definitions for the terms product stewardship and stewardship organization were reviewed.
- Overview of program history:
  - Senate Bill 1576 was passed in 2022; rulemaking was conducted in 2023, and rules were adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission in July. Draft Program Plans were due Oct. 2023, and a final version was approved by DEQ in July 2024. The program launched Jan. 1, 2025.
- Laws, rules, plans
  - Statute: legislature establishes legal requirements for policy and program.
  - Administrative rules: clarify aspects of the law.
  - Program plan: an operational report written by the stewardship organization, describing how the program will be implemented.
- Program Structure
  - How does the program work in Oregon?
    - Features include:

- It is a consumer funded program with almost all of the mattress industry being involved.
- Statewide program to provide service for managing mattresses and foundations (boxsprings) through drop-off locations around the state; this includes collection sites and collection events in counties where there are not permanent sites.
  - Counties with a population of 10,000 or more need at least one permanent collection site, open at least six days a week.
    - Plus, an additional 25 sites distributed around the state.
  - Counties with less than 10,000 need one site staffed at least one day a week.
- Program Participants and Responsibilities
  - DEQ provides oversight and enforcement of the law; MSPAC works with DEQ and MRC on review of documents mentioned above; MRC is the approved stewardship organization and implements an approved plan; consumers pay fee at point-of-sale and utilize program services; manufacturers and renovators register in order to sell products in Oregon; retailers collect fee and provide educational materials from MRC; collection sites and recyclers are voluntary participants who go into contracts with MRC; collection sites take mattress from the public and recyclers dismantle mattresses for post-consumer use.
- Fees
  - Product stewardship programs are typically funded either by a product's producers or the consumers; Oregon's mattress program is funded by consumers, who pay a \$22.50 fee collected at the point-of-sale for each mattress and foundation purchased.

### Committee Question and Answer Period

The questions asked were mostly related to content of program, including convenience, and will be discussed further at next week's meeting:

- Are there minimum hours of operation for a collection site, in addition to days per week?  
DEQ Response: No, statute does not specify which hours a site must be open.
- What does next week's meeting look like, in terms of the agenda?  
DEQ Response: DEQ will provide a briefer overview of the program, MRC will provide a presentation about the annual report, and then there will be a public input period followed by time for the committee to ask questions and have discussion.
- Is there anything in statute or rule about proximity to population centers or distance to accessing collection site or events  
DEQ Response: Not specifically.
- Has DEQ had any conversations about amendments to the statute that would make convenience more convenient?  
DEQ Response: DEQ typically does not introduce legislation but implements the statute given.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

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