

Mattress Stewardship Meeting Summary

Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.



This is the second rulemaking advisory committee meeting for the Mattress Stewardship Act of 2022. This summary includes the schedule, attendees and notes summarizing the meeting.

Schedule

9 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Today's Meeting• Housekeeping items
9:30 a.m.	Follow up from Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates on proposed rules
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:25 a.m.	Discuss and Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fiscal Impact Statement and Questions• Racial Equity Statement
11:25 a.m.	Public Input Period
11:40 a.m.	Next Steps
12 p.m.	Adjourn Meeting

*Note: Times subject to change and topics may begin earlier than listed

Attendees

Marie Clarke
Hannah Carleson
Jaclyn Palermo
Angie Marzano
Cheryl Grabham
Aimee Thompson
Anna Kurnizki
Rachel Harding
Terry McDonald
Michelle Colletti
Sabrina Gogol
Nicole Hogan
Jaclyn Palermo
Travis Comfort
Justine Fallon
Sophia O'Meara
Cat Rhoades
Dakota Tangredi
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Kim Knoernschild
Andrea Fogue
Mike O'Donnell
Michael LaRussa
Laura Leebrick
Stephanie Fernandes

Jennifer DeFreece
Paris Gholston
Brandon Lesowske
Ashley Watkins
Darla Arians
David Wittke
Megan Warfield
Adrian Tan
Laurie Gordon
Christa McDermott
Quintin Bauer
Rily Bellias
Marty Salamone
Heather
Brendan Jamieson
Suna Bayrakal
Natalie Zito
Lauren Scher
Scott Klag
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Rolando Rojas
Casey Mellnik
Rosalynn Greene
Tess Milio

Summary

Follow up from Previous Meeting

- Updates on proposed rules

Terry: How does the fee compare to other states with a similar bill?
Would it be wise to increase the fee and diminish the fee overtime?

Response: California is the only one with an annual fee and theirs is a larger fee since it is a larger agency.

Considering the economy and talking with the finance department that is something we are trying to capture.

Aimee: What is the process for us to review the change in the fee if it is increased/eliminated?

Response: It would be put through a Rule Making process just like this.

Marie: California is the only one that charges for oversight enforcement, which accounts for 1.5% of the budget. They bill hourly and makes for a transparent model.

Sabrina: It seems useful to start with a larger fee and reduce over time.

Anna: Without knowing what the fees being charged to the businesses would be, it would be hard to determine what the impact would be on the small business.

Response: Yes, and we will talk more about that during the fiscal impact discussion.

Terry: Concerned about oversight and ensure the rural areas are being equally served

Angie: Is it possible for the Wasteshed representatives or local governments to request collection sites data from DEQ?

Response: We are noting this.

Terry: Renovation vs. reuse – it might be a good idea to put in a section for “reuse”.

Marie: Due to reporting requirements, using “reuse” is challenging to capture. Site specific data would be almost impossible to capture. The annual reporting language is inconsistent with what is required by the law.

Marie to provide a written summary.

Anna in chat: Do hotels actually give mattresses to other hotels/businesses (not nonprofits) without a cost/fee? My experience is that hotels will sell mattresses for reuse to other hotels/businesses.

Response: Terry explained the process that hotels use to sell mattresses to other businesses. Including hiring third party companies that handle the process and include the fee in their pricing.

Sabrina: Metro feels very capable of participating in site specific reporting

Marie: Since this is a state wide program we want to capture as many sites as possible and that is more difficult for the rural sites to capture site specific information.

Sabrina: There could be an opportunity for sampling.

Terry: One of the most important goals is to find the highest and best use for the materials and product themselves.

Angie: Can you give us an example of what a collection site in California is required to report on? Technology solution for collection sites to fulfill their obligations.
Local governments value the specific data because it tells us if our outreach is working.

Marie: We want to make it as easy for the site to participate as possible, so we work with them to get feedback on what is working and what isn't working for them. It isn't a technology solution but more of what is required in Oregon vs. California.

Aimee: If it was advertised as something you can be reimbursed for, I don't think it would be all that difficult to get people to comply.

Anna: If we don't require that reuse is tracked, it won't be prioritized.

Marie: How is a reuse facility different from a renovation operation?

Terry: Fumigation Law lapsed in 1980's – since then the non-institutional groups give back to the communities.

Angie: What is the level of detail needed to address physical and language accessibility?
Concerned about the 48-hour turnaround time not being long enough.

Response: 48-hour turnaround is once a stewardship organization becomes aware.
Example of level of detail for accessibility: Wheelchair accessibility, language barriers etc.

Marie: Wants to ensure the accessibility goes as smooth as possible, by adding "if available" language.

Also concerned with the 48-hour turnaround time. 3 business days might be more feasible.

Terry: Would like to have a conversation about how these programs relate across borders.

Several people expressed concerns about the 48-hour turnaround time not being long enough.

Sabrina: Metro finds it valuable to collect accessibility information on the website. Maybe changing from 2 days to 2 business days would be helpful. The sooner the information is updated to the public the better.

Anna: The accessibility information is important. Might be beneficial to make it optional for business to provide the information

Aimee: Lists would be helpful to help remember to include on accessibility.

Marie: Agrees that lists would be helpful.

Break

Discuss and Review

- Fiscal Impact Statement and Questions
- Racial Equity Statement

Angie: addressing where to provide input – what is the additional input you are seeking?

Response: Fiscal impact

Marie: Regarding annual reporting wording being vague, it could add considerable cost. Inconsistent with the statute.

Terry: Wanting to flag - the Vancouver/Portland Metro area is a unique situation – concerned with how that will affect small businesses.

Marie: That is something we have a lot of experience with. We want to be sure that only mattress discarded in Oregon are recycled through the program. We will continue to troubleshoot.

Sabrina: If we don't turn away or track the out of state "free riders" mattresses, would the stewardship be subsidizing those?

Marie: It is a concern with how we address that. We have been trying to troubleshoot that and is something we will work with the communities to better understand.

Angie: If a non-covered mattress comes into a small business, will they still be reimbursed for that mattress?

Marie: Yes, that would be covered.

Because there is no sales tax in OR DEQ charge could account for about 50 cents of the fee, that could potentially disadvantage a small business.

Anna: Most reasons why people will illegally dump mattresses is because they don't have transportation, so more collection sites won't solve that.

Sabrina: Requiring reasonably updated website information is a good way to help support the smaller communities.

Michelle: Doing what we can to help with transparency is important.

Anna: Will there be statewide surveying?

Response: We will be convening the program advisory committee that will be working with the DEQ to review submitted plan.

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