

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing SB 254, which would establish a statewide mattress recycling program to be overseen and enforced by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery. I applaud the efforts of the authors in creating a program to lessen impacts to California landfills, reduce costs to local governments, and remove blight in rural and inner city neighborhoods.

However, due to the lack of specificity and ambiguous language contained in the bill, I am directing the Department to work with the authors of the bill in order to clarify their intent through cleanup legislation next session. Of particular concern is language that appears to limit the regulatory authority of the Department and the requirement that the Department reduce its administrative costs by the amount of penalties it collects.

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Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr