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An Act Concerning Recycling & Jobs

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SB 1081

As proposed by DEEP, S.B 1081 was intended to integrate:

- recommendations of the Governor's Modernizing Recycling Working Group and
- implementation of the Sustainable Materials Management vision of CT's Solid Waste Management Plan



SB 1081 (cont)

The purpose of SB 1081 was to:

- Save money for municipalities, businesses, and the state through avoided disposal costs and
- Create jobs through increased recovery of recyclable materials and increased use of recycled material in local manufacturing.



PA 13-285

By the time SB 1081 had been signed into law as PA 13-285:

- Several of the original sections had been deleted
- Several new sections had been tacked on



Summary by Section

Section 1:

- Provides definition of “end user,” a term used in reporting requirements and exemptions.

Section 2:

- Revises reporting requirements for scrap metal processors to close data gaps
- Provides commodities markets with information about amount of scrap metal.
- Continues current exemption from permitting, provided data reports are submitted.



Summary by Section (cont.)

Section 3:

- Clarifies existing definition of “collector” to exempt non-collection businesses from the requirement to register as a collector.

Section 4:

- Enhances business opportunities by clarifying language in the existing law regarding recycling of source-separated organic materials.
- Further incentivizes recycling facilities handling “source-separated organic materials,” particularly food residuals, by clarifying for the investing community when the requirements of the law regarding guaranteed feedstock are applicable.



Summary by Section (cont.)

Section 5:

- Tasks state (DEEP, DECD, CEFIA, CI, etc.) to identify opportunities for development of a Green Infrastructure Bank

Section 6:

- Creates opportunity for municipalities to provide an exemption from property tax for any machinery or equipment used in connection with recycling that is installed on or after October 1, 2013



Summary by Section (cont.)

Section 7:

- Tasks DEEP & OPM with initiating an audit of CRRA. Such audit may include:

(1) The results of any such audits, review of any investigation of said authority or by said authority that occurred prior to the effective date of this section, (2) the financial condition of said authority, (3) said authority's short and long-term liabilities, including, but not limited to, such liabilities to bond holders, employees, former employees and such liabilities from lawsuits, leases, contractual obligations and any other matter, (4) said authority's existing and projected revenues, (5) said authority's cash flow projections for each of the next three calendar years, (6) said authority's operations, including, but not limited to, human resources, facilities use, information technology services, and identification of potential operating efficiencies, (7) said authority's internal controls, financial management and risk management practices, and (8) any transaction of said authority.

- CohnReznick has been retained to perform this audit, which is currently underway.



Summary by Section (cont.)

Section 8:

- Established a Resources Recovery Task Force to study the operations, financial stability and business models for resource recovery facilities operating in the state
- Not later than **12/15/2013**, the Task Force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations

Section 9:

- CRRA tasked with developing a transition plan by **11/30/2013** for: (1) Achieving a sustainable business model that improves the long-term financial stability of said authority, or (2) conducting the dissolution of said authority and the disposing of said authority's assets.



Summary by Section (cont.)

Section 10:

- CGS Section 22a-261 revised to delete a subsection regarding the formation of a previous steering committee related to CRRA.

Section 11:

- CGS Section 22a-221 revised to provide an exception to the 30-year contract limitation established by this section.



Summary by Section (cont.)

Section 12:

- Repeals CGS sections 22a-268c to 22a-268f (inclusive).

22a-268c: Attorney General supervision over legal matters and claims from authority-Enron-Connecticut Light and Power Company transaction.

22a-268d: Temporary borrowing from the state to support repayment of debt on behalf of Mid-Connecticut Project. Financial mitigation plan. Reports. Discussions re extensions of municipal contracts. Reporting and examination for term of loans.

22a-268e: Report on authority efforts to mitigate effects of losses from authority-Enron-Connecticut Light and Power Company transaction.

22a-268f: Special committees to study options for municipal solid waste disposal.

