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SB-191

AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD SCRAP DIVERSION FROM THE
SOLID WASTE STREAM AND THE REDEMPTION OF OUT-OF-
STATE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	Other - Cost	400,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact, resulting in the fiscal impact to multiple state agencies and to a municipality as described below.

Section 2 of the amendment requires the municipal food scrap diversion pilot program within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to expand to a municipality with a population of at least 100,000. This results in a cost to DEEP in FY 25 that is dependent on the amount of the grant provided to the newly participating municipality, and a corresponding revenue gain to the municipality. The municipality may incur costs beyond the grant amount.

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The pilot program grants to municipalities and councils of government (COGs) have ranged from approximately \$40,000 to \$1.3 million.¹ These have been funded through an FY 22 carryforward allocation of \$5 million, of which approximately \$4.9 million has been spent.²

This section may additionally result in a potential savings in tip fees to the participating municipality. The average tip fee for municipal solid waste (MSW) is approximately \$110 per ton and approximately \$65 per ton for food scraps, according to DEEP.

Section 3 requires a waste characterization assessment by a consultant to be funded via the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). This may result in a cost of \$400,000 to the RPIP in FY 25 to provide a grant to DEEP to hire a consultant to perform the assessment.³

The unencumbered balance of the RPIP account was approximately \$8.9 million as of March 31, 2024.

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¹ The median grant amount was \$121,000.

² An additional \$5 million carryforward allocation was dedicated to technical assistance.

³ CGS Sec. 4-124s allows for the Regional Performance Incentive Program funds to be awarded to regional councils of government and regional educational service centers.