

CONFIDENTIAL LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2016

Bill Number: H.608 Name of Bill: An act relating to solid waste management

Agency of Natural Resources / Dept: Env. Cons. Author of Bill Review: Cathy Jamieson

Date of Bill Review: 1/22/2016 Related Bills and Key Players: Klein, Ancel, Ram

Status of Bill (check one): Upon Introduction As passed by 1st body As passed by both

Recommended Position: Support w/modifications identified in #8 below

Analysis of Bill

1. **Summary of bill and issue it addresses.** *Describe what the bill is intended to accomplish and why.*

This bill would exempt solid waste collected as part of a municipal or non-profit litter collection event from separating mandated recyclables, leaf & yard residuals, and food residuals from the litter. During Green Up Day and other litter collection events, items are collected that may be dirty, contain liquids, or otherwise contaminated which can disqualify such items from being managed with our existing recycling system without exerting considerable effort to clean such items. In order to continue to encourage litter collection events, this exemption is proposed. (Please note: The Solid Waste Program had already informed Green Up Day that their volunteers would not be expected to separate mandated recyclables from the litter, but they need to continue to separate other landfill banned items, such as tires, electronics, car batteries, etc.)

2. **Is there a need for this bill?** *Please explain why or why not.* This bill would clarify that Universal Recycling does not apply to litter collected during events.

3. **What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?**

None. Please note that litter collected during Green Up Day is exempt from the solid waste franchise fee.

4. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** None.

5. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** *(for example, public, municipalities, organizations, business, regulated entities, etc)*

None.

6. **Other Stakeholders:**

6.1 **Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?** Green Up Day and other volunteer groups who collect litter.

6.2 **Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why?** Do not know of any groups who would oppose

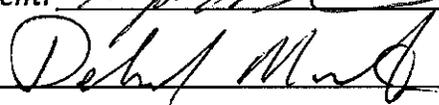
7. **Rationale for recommendation:** *Justify recommendation stated above.* While some of the items collected during litter events may be recyclable, the items are often dirty or contaminated; our recycling system requires clean material in order for the recyclables to be marketable. If volunteers who collected litter were required to clean litter items in order to recycle items, it could discourage volunteers from participating and from picking up such items.

8. Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill: *Not meant to rewrite bill, but rather, an opportunity to identify simple modifications that would change recommended position.*

Recommend supporting the bill in concept. The exemption language included in 10 VSA 6605(m) for facilities and in 10 VSA 6607a(g) for haulers do not appear to be correct and nor necessary. The exemption language included in 10VSA 6621a(d) should be sufficient.

9. Will this bill create a new board or commission AND/OR add or remove appointees to an existing one? If so, which one and how many? No

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