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House Bill No. 6404
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 17, 2007

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF HYDRAULIC LOADING
OR UNLOADING EQUIPMENT AT CERTAIN SOLID WASTE
FACILITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) Each owner or
2 operator of a solid waste, recycling or resources recovery facility, as
3 such terms are defined in section 22a-207 of the general statutes, that
4 does not use overhead cranes to load municipal solid waste into the
5 waste feed hoppers shall have, during such times as solid waste is
6 being moved with hydraulic loading or unloading equipment, at least
7 two employees of the facility familiar with the operation of such
8 equipment present in the work area in which such equipment is being
9 operated, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section.
- 10 (b) Any such facility that serves not more than four municipalities
11 shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Various	Cost	Potential	Potential

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Explanation

The requirements in the bill, as amended, for at least two employees being present in certain work areas at solid waste, recycling, or resources recovery facilities, could potentially result in additional employee costs. However, exempting those facilities that use overhead cranes for loading waste, and exempting those facilities that serve no more than four municipalities, narrows the applicability of the personnel requirements. Therefore, it is anticipated that few, if any instances of increased costs will result. Additional costs would be passed on either directly or indirectly to Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) project town ratepayers.

House "A" narrowed the applicability of the personnel requirements, thus reducing the potential for additional costs to be passed on to users.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6404 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF HYDRAULIC
LOADING OR UNLOADING EQUIPMENT AT CERTAIN SOLID
WASTE FACILITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires each owner or operator of a solid waste, recycling, or resources recovery facility to have at least two employees present in the work area whenever solid waste is being moved with hydraulic loading or unloading equipment. The bill applies to solid waste, recycling, or resources recovery facilities that (1) do not use overhead cranes to load solid waste into feed hoppers and (2) serve at least five municipalities. The employees must be familiar with how the equipment operates.

*House Amendment "A" specifies that the bill applies to facilities that (1) do not use overhead cranes to load solid waste into feed hoppers and (2) serve at least five municipalities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2007

BACKGROUND***Waste Facility Definitions***

The statutes define these terms as follows:

1. A "solid waste facility" is any solid waste disposal area, volume reduction plant, transfer station, wood-burning facility, or biomedical waste treatment facility (CGS § 22a-260).
2. A "recycling facility" or "recycling center" means land,

equipment, and structures where recycling is conducted, including an intermediate processing center (CGS § 22a-260).

3. A “resources recovery facility” means a facility using processes to reclaim energy from municipal solid waste (CGS § 22a-207).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 8 Nay 1 (03/01/2007)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9 Nay 4 (03/28/2007)