

AGENCY FISCAL ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED REGULATION

AGENCY SUBMITTING REGULATION Energy and Environmental Protection DATE 1-10-12

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION Collection and recycling of covered electronic devices (CEDs).

REGULATION SECTION NO. RCSA 22a-630(d)-1 and 22a-638-1

STATUTORY AUTHORITY CGS 22a-629 to 22a-640, inclusive

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED None

EFFECTIVE DATE USED IN COST ESTIMATE N/A

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SUMMARY OF STATE COST AND REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Agency Energy and Environmental Protection

Fund Affected Environmental Quality Fund

1st Year 2nd Year 3rd Year
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	0 FTEs	0 FTEs	0 FTEs
Number of Positions*	0	0	0
Personal Services	0	0	0
Other Expenses	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0
Total State Cost	0	0	0
Estimated Revenue Gain (Loss)	0	0	0
Total Net Cost (Savings)	0	0	0

*Note: No additional resources needed for this package. Original regulation packet anticipated three FTEs to administer the new electronic waste ("E-Waste") program using a dedicated revenue stream from electronic device manufacturers to cover all administrative costs borne by the Department. Given recent state fiscal constraints, the Department is accommodating the E-Waste program by shifting existing resources and prioritizing and juggling programmatic work in this and other programs. In the near future, the Department hopes to be able to pursue new staff and resources to administer this program.

EXPLANATION OF STATE IMPACT OF REGULATION:

No Impact. It is anticipated that existing resources, as available, will be used to develop the regulations, provide the necessary outreach and compliance assistance and program oversight.

The purpose of the revision is to facilitate a newer electronic waste recycling program with meaningful performance standards that allow the Department to streamline the approval of responsible recyclers and ensure the diversion of valuable materials to recycling facilities so that the resources can be returned to commerce.

EXPLANATION OF MUNICIPAL IMPACT OF REGULATION:

It is anticipated that there would be minimal to positive impact on municipalities to implement the proposed revisions to the existing requirements in regulation.

Minimal to Positive Impact. Based on current law, municipalities are required to participate in the statewide electronic recycling program and provide convenient and accessible recycling opportunities for their residents. The municipalities are not required to pay for the recycling program as electronics manufacturers have agreed to take responsibility for paying the collection, recycling and disposal costs. Most of the municipalities are already collecting covered electronic devices (“CED”). Thus, the regulation revision is not expected to result in a fiscal impact on municipalities. Some municipalities that have previously charged residents to recycle electronic devices may realize a savings from the implementation of the statewide electronic recycling program. With the implementation of the E-Waste program, municipalities no longer need to finance the costs associated with discarded CEDs through solid waste tipping fees or by paying for the recycling of these units. The revision may also facilitate new electronic recyclers to seek approval under the program, since some of the standards in the regulation were more stringent than necessary and may have dissuaded otherwise acceptable businesses from registering and provide municipalities greater opportunities for competition of services.