

2021 Legislative Outcomes

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Budget

Special Session

HB 6499 Radiation Security

5 mil in funding for Recycling Grant Program + 5 mil for Solid Waste Management Program

Successful Initiatives



SB 1037

- This bill adds to the list of eligible returnable containers (teas, juices, sports + energy drinks) and increases the bottle deposit from 5 to 10 cents beginning in 2024.
- Creates a 5-cent surcharge on 'nips' beginning Oct 1 2021
- Increases the handling fee based on the type of container and incrementally reduces the amount of unclaimed funds deposited to the General Fund to 45% by FY 2026 - distributors keep the remaining 55%.
- Section 9 includes stewardship organization framework



HB 6441

- Allows municipalities the option to establish stormwater authorities to collect funds for climate adaptation and resilience projects
- Broadens scope of the CT Green Bank
- Expands municipal flood and erosion control boards' authority to climate projects.

Successful Initiatives (Cont'd)



SB 837 + 926 combined legislation bans the use of PFAS substances in class B firefighting foam along with certain food packaging by the end of 2023.



SB 837+926 also establishes a takeback program for firefighting teams that currently have the foam in stock.



SB 930 + HB 6503 bills were combined to set requirements for organic source separation and siting of anaerobic digestion facilities to increase the state's waste management infrastructure.

Successful Initiatives (Cont'd)



SB 927 expands reporting requirements for DEEP, sewage treatment plants, and local authorities when there are sewage spills in the state. Requires DEEP to create a real-time public notification system of sewage spills.



SB 928 requires DEEP commissioner to work with state and regional stakeholder groups to submit recommendations to Governor and legislature on recycled content requirements for products sold in the state.



HB 6496 allows DEEP to establish a pilot program to use as fill certain reclaimed materials that may have small amounts of solid waste. Amended to eliminate the requirement that the materials be generated in CT.

DEEP commissioner may authorize four projects using these materials, subject to certain conditions.

Unsuccessful Initiatives

SB 931 would have provided DEEP with the authority to assess and adopt the California standards for medium and heavy-duty vehicles to meet Connecticut's clean air and climate change goals.

The bill passed out of committee and cleared the Senate but did not get called in the House.

Unsuccessful Initiatives (Cont'd)

HB 6386 would have created three statewide stewardship programs to manage discarded tires, smoke detectors, and gas cylinders.

The gas cylinder and tire components were our priority sections.

The bill passed out of committee and but did not get called in the House or Senate.

Unsuccessful Initiatives (Cont'd)

SB 961 purpose was to increase to ten thousand gallons per day the maximum capacity of certain subsurface sewage disposal systems and alternative on-site sewage treatment systems over which the DPH has jurisdiction. The purpose of the bill was to simplify and streamline the regulation of onsite sewage treatment and subsurface disposal systems

The bill passed out of the Planning + Development committee but was not acted on in the House or Senate.



Overall



Virtual Session



Looking ahead



Significant progress in tackling CT's waste crisis, but more work is necessary

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