Rulemaking 2 topics



Rulemaking 2 timeline

July 2023 – April RAC Meetings ~10 months

May - June Public Comment Period ~30 days

July - Oct Evaluating comments received and making changes as needed

Nov 2024 EQC Meeting 1 day



Funding for Recycling Processors under the Recycling Modernization Act

Processor Commodity Risk Fee

A per-ton fee paid to recycling processors by PROs to ensure producers share in the costs of fully processing commingled recyclables.

The statewide average portion of the fee is set in rule, and the average commodity value portion will be updated monthly by DEQ.

Tip fees

A per-ton fee paid to recycling processors by collectors to help cover the cost of processing recyclable material. Garbage and recycling collection companies factor the tip fee into the fee they charge customers.

The Processor Commodity Risk Fee will attempt to lower this per-ton gate cost to \$0 as a statewide average.

Sales of recyclable materials to responsible end markets

Income paid to recycling processors by responsible end markets in exchange for quality material.

To try and keep tip fees at \$0, when commodity prices rise, the Processor Commodity Risk Fee will fall; and when commodity prices fall, the Processor Commodity Risk fee will rise

Contamination Management Fee

A per-ton fee paid to recycling processors by PROs to compensate processors for the costs of removing and disposing of covered products that are contaminants, such as those not on the statewide collection list that show up at a recycling facility.

The fee is set in rule and adjusted periodically for inflation.

Funds cover existing and new facility costs

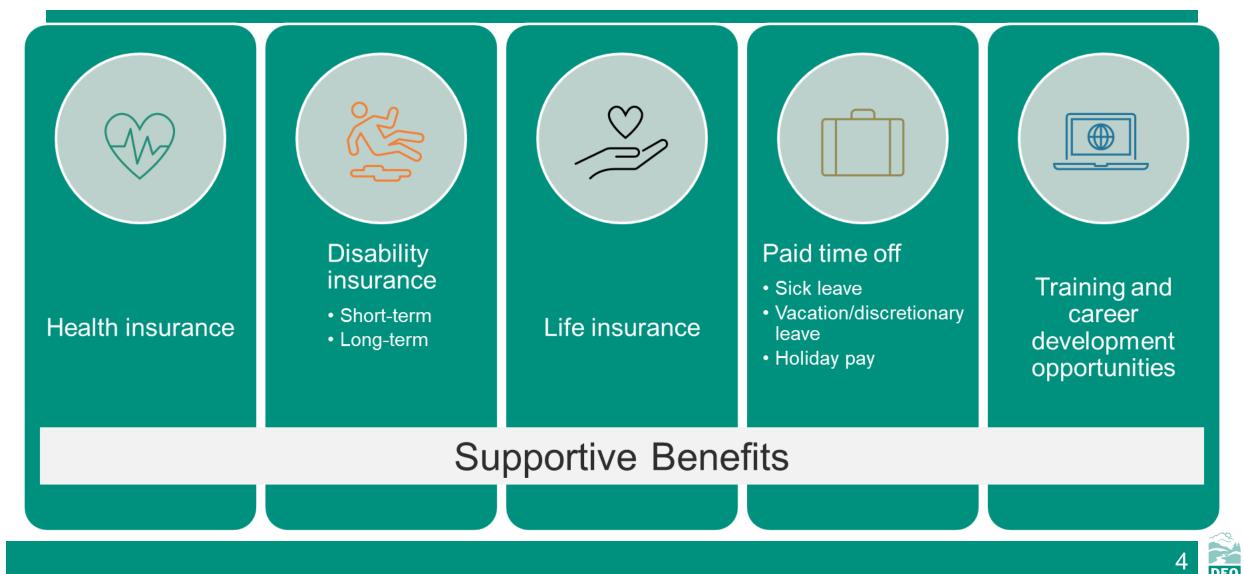
- Operating and administrative costs
- Meeting new permit/certification program requirements



Outcomes

- Living wages and supportive benefits for workers at processing facilities.
- Higher quality bales.
- Transparent disposition of materials to responsible end markets
- Less volatile tip fees and collection costs for ratepayers and local governments.

Living wage and supportive benefits



Waste prevention & reuse fee

The Act requires:

- "a program to reduce the environmental impacts of covered products"
- "through means other than waste recovery"

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Standards for impact disclosure



- Would reward ≥10% reduction of environmental impacts, as measured using standards and methods established in rule.
- Scores for 14 distinct impacts would contribute with different weightings to one overall score.
- Bonus will apply in tiered fashion, for example:
 - Tier 1 between 10-20% reduction
 - Tier 2 between 20-30% reduction
 - Tier 3 between 30-40% reduction
 - Tier 4 between 40-50% reduction
 - Tier 5 > 50% reduction



Covered product exemptions

Five recommended exemptions





Producer Definitions



