

Systems Analysis of the Impact of Act 148 on Solid Waste Management in Vermont

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TABLE 46. COSTS OF THE CURRENT BOTTLE BILL AND ESTIMATED COSTS OF EXPANDED BOTTLE BILL

Parties and Cost/Revenue Components	Cost Per Container (\$)	BOTTLE BILL		EXPANDED BOTTLE BILL	
		# Containers	Total Cost (\$)	# Containers	Total Cost (\$)
State Administrative Costs			(\$21,500)		(\$150,000)
Distributors					
Deposits collected	0.05	270,382,907	\$13,519,145	383,230,704	\$19,161,535
Deposits redeemed	0.05	241,948,783	(\$12,097,439)	324,966,302	(\$16,248,315)
Deposits collected, wine	0.15			9,846,154	\$1,476,923
Deposits redeemed, wine	0.15			7,384,616	(\$1,107,692)
Handling fees paid out					
Commingled	0.035	183,881,075	(\$6,435,838)	217,628,096	(\$7,616,983)
Sorted	0.04	58,067,708	(\$2,322,708)	117,184,360	(\$4,687,374)
Collection costs (third party & own)	0.015	241,948,783	(\$3,629,232)	334,812,456	(\$6,026,624)
Materials revenue received					
Aluminum		146,174,028	\$3,750,899	153,765,729	\$5,564,228
Plastics		35,946,008	\$789,228	107,765,988	\$1,872,642
Glass		59,809,251	\$332,129	70,540,336	\$293,790
Liquor Glass				7,384,616	\$110,831
Sub-Total, Distributors			(\$6,093,816)		(\$7,317,871)
Vermont Liquor Control					
Deposits collected	0.150	3,745,035	\$561,755	3,745,035	\$561,755
Deposits paid out	0.150	2,860,458	(\$429,069)	2,860,458	(\$429,069)
Collection Cost	0.078	2,860,458	(\$223,116)	2,860,458	(\$223,116)
Handling fees paid out	0.035	2,860,458	(\$100,116)	2,860,458	(\$100,116)
Materials revenue received	0.000				
Sub-Total, VLC			(\$190,545)		(\$190,545)
Retailers/Redemption Centers					
RVM costs	0.034	24,194,878	(\$822,626)	48,744,945	(\$1,657,328)
Manual costs	0.038	217,753,905	(\$8,239,953)	283,605,972	(\$10,647,030)
Handling fees received	0.036	241,948,783	\$8,758,546	332,350,917	\$12,304,358
Sub-Total, Retailers			(\$304,033)		\$0
Consumers					
Deposit paid	0.05	270,382,907	(\$13,519,145)	383,230,704	(\$19,161,535)
Deposits received	0.05	241,948,783	\$12,097,439	324,966,302	\$16,248,315
Liquor deposits paid	0.15	3,745,035	(\$561,755)	13,591,189	(\$2,038,678)
Liquor deposits received	0.15	2,860,458	\$429,069	10,245,074	\$1,536,761
Sub-Total, Consumers			(\$1,554,393)		(\$3,415,137)
Total :			(\$8,164,287)		(\$11,073,553)
Additional Cost to Consumers					
Separate trips to redeem	0.014	244,809,241	(\$3,448,633)	335,211,375	(\$4,722,130)
Total :			(\$11,612,920)		(\$15,795,683)

(1) Under "Consumers", Special trips to redeem were counted for bottle redeemers that answered "yes" to the question "Is this a special trip to redeem bottles and cans, or are you combining it with another errand?" or no to the question "If you weren't returning containers today, would you have taken this trip?"

quality is very good. As such the bale price differential has been dropped to 5 cents per pound from 10 cents per pound to reflect the relatively high quality of the material produced at the Rutland and Chittenden MRF's.

¹⁰⁸ In both cases the value of the glass represents glass FOB the glass beneficiation plant.