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I. What Gets Measured, Gets Managed: If the goal is to reduce organic waste and most entities are not aware of their baseline organic waste. It would be great if the rule required waste haulers to report (1) amount of total waste hauled; (2) amount of non-organic waste hauled; (3) amount of organic waste hauled (diverted); and (4) amount of recycling hauled. The required reporting should be to the customer, the state, and the city/county entity.

II. Ease of Contracting with a Utility: Is the Dept of Ecology working with Dept of Enterprise Services (DES) to create non-mandated Organic Waste Haulers in the DES Purchasing System. There is a difference between contracting with a waste hauler (mandated jurisdictionally designated haulers) and contracting with an organic waste hauler (mandated organic waste removal, BUT not a designated hauler). Therefore, State governmental agencies have to contract with one of several organic waste haulers and put the work out to bid. Thus, putting the start up for composting through a number of obstacles. If the organic waste haulers were already in the DES system, state agencies would be able to choose and start up more easily. As the requirement spreads to smaller and smaller generators of food waste the problem with starting up will be more difficult.