

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

HOUSE FINANCE  
Operating Budget Co-Chair



CAMPBELL PARK  
•  
DIMOND BUSINESS  
DISTRICT  
•  
EAST SAND LAKE  
•  
MIDTOWN  
•  
TAKU-CAMPBELL

---

*REPRESENTATIVE ANDY JOSEPHSON*

---

## **CSHB 25(L&C)am: Restrict Restaurant Use of Polystyrene**

### **Summary of Changes from House Labor and Commerce: Version A to N**

- 1) Removed references to requiring the use of biodegradable or compostable food service ware in place of polystyrene.
- 2) Added subsection 1(d) allowing DEC to adopt regulations that allow a restaurant to provide prepared food in a clean container brought by the customer.
- 3) Added the words "financial or logistical" to Sec. 1(f), giving guidance to the sort of "hardship" that DEC would consider in granting an exception to the requirements of the bill.
- 4) Added new Section 2, enabling restaurants and the state to use their polystyrene inventory that they purchased before the effective date of the bill.

### **Summary of Changes from House Floor: Version N to N.A**

- 1) Removed an exception in the bill that would have allowed polystyrene foam coolers and ice chests.
- 2) Expanded the definition of "restaurant" to include coffee kiosks, grocery delis, hospital and school food operations, caterers, and food concessions.
- 3) Changed the effective date from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.