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HB 25: Restrict Restaurant Use of Polystyrene **Sectional Analysis**

Section 1

Creates a new section in Alaska Statute, AS 17.20, the Alaska Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

AS 17.20.035(a) A restaurant may not use polystyrene foam disposable food ware.

(b) The State may not use or purchase polystyrene foam disposable food ware.

(c) The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) shall recommend that restaurants use reusable food service ware in place of disposable when possible.

(d) DEC may adopt regulations that allow a restaurant to provide prepared food in a clean container brought by the customer.

(e) The restriction in (a) shall not apply to prepared food packaged out of state or areas affected by a disaster emergency.

(f) A restaurant may apply to DEC for an exemption if there is not an affordable replacement or it would cause undue financial or logistical hardship.

(g) Defines terms used in the new section. The term "restaurant" is broadly defined to include various food service providers including hospital and school food operations, caterers, and grocery store delis.

Section 2

Enables restaurants and the state to use their polystyrene inventory that they purchased before the effective date.

Section 3

Effective date of January 1, 2027.