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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) Restaurants using disposable food service ware shall use biodegradable or compostable products unless they receive an exemption from the state.

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

(e) The restriction in (a) shall not apply to prepared food packaged out of state, polystyrene coolers intended for reuse, 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 hardship.

(g) Defines terms in the new section.

Section 2

Effective date of January 1, 2026.