

May 21, 2019



Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2019 Session of Oregon Legislature:

HB 2883A: Support, if penalty and enforcement mechanism are reinstated

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supported the introduced version of this bill, which "prohibits food vendor from using polystyrene container in selling, offering for sale, serving or dispensing prepared food to public" as of January 1, 2020.

The effectiveness of this bill has apparently been eviscerated by the adopted -10 amendment, which removes the civil penalty for violation of the polystyrene ban and removes authorization for DEQ to adopt rules regarding it. That leaves it a "ban" in name only, as the bill provides no penalty for violation and assigns enforcement to no agency.

The -10 amendment also unnecessarily delays implementation of the bill (if any implementation can actually occur) until January 1, 2021.

This Committee should reinstate the introduced version and send that to the floor.

