

I strongly support SB581 as a means of creating accountability for the excessive amount of plastic, often not recyclable, that is being used for everything from product packaging to take-out food. Our communities are inundated with plastic trash, and the problem has only been exacerbated by the pandemic and the subsequent increased reliance on prepackaged foods/take-out foods. The messaging displayed on packaging is often misleading, implying that the material can be safely recycled, which is often not the case. Most people will not take the time to research whether a material is recyclable or not which then leads to contamination of the material that actually is recyclable. Because manufacturers and producers do not have to be responsible for the end result of the material and it doesn't impact them financially, there is no incentive to find alternatives. SB581 is a means to create accountability for the use of plastics, and I urge you to continue to support this legislation and create additional legislation that addresses the environmental impacts of plastic. Thank you.