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I am writing in support of SB 543 which prohibits food vendors from using polystyrene foam containers in the preparation and delivery of food. Polystyrene containers, what we commonly refer to as styrofoam is comprised of styrene, which has been classified as a likely human carcinogen. What we know is that when we put food, especially hot food, into polystyrene containers, the toxins in the container can and do leach out and we end up ingesting them. Never mind that polystyrene in the environment never breaks down. Using polystyrene containers for food preparation and delivery is unnecessary and is toxic for human health and the environment. There are so many better alternatives out there! The Oregon legislature needs to pass this bill and send a message to all Oregonians that polystyrene is bad, bad, bad!