

As a wildlife advocate and environmentalist, I urge support for HB 5384, the banning of polystyrene food containers.

Polystyrene is harmful to our environment and does not biodegrade easily at all. Paper/cardboard food containers are much more environmentally friendly. I have been to restaurants (Prime 16 for one), which started using cardboard/paper containers if one wants to take home uneaten food. When I commended them on this, they stated they want to be on the right environmental path.

The earth does not need any more non-biodegradable containers or plastics. We should all be conscious of leaving as small a footprint on this earth as we can. Many restaurants are just not aware of the alternatives. Once they are aware, people are more than willing to do their share to help our planet.

I want a sustainable planet to leave for my children, grandchildren and all future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.