

## Styrofoam ban fails in California State

**To-go cups and containers** made of expanded polystyrene - otherwise known as Styrofoam - are already banned in many **Central Coast cities**. State **lawmakers** have tried several times to enact a statewide ban over the past decade, but this week the California **Senate** rejected a bill that would **ban** restaurants, food vendors and grocery stores from using **Styrofoam containers**.

Democratic **Senator** Ben Allen says the containers often become **urban litter** that hurts the **environment** and the economy. "The more we spend time looking at the damage that this product is doing to our coastline, the impact that that has from everything from tourism to **oceanic health**, it becomes abundantly clear how important it is to take this modest step," Allen said.

But Republican **Senator** John Moorlach says the private sector is already reacting to **lawmakers' concerns** by finding alternative containers. "It's happening on its own, and it's fantastic. And I'm just wondering, why a law?" Moorlach said.

The **Styrofoam ban** failed Tuesday 18-to-16.

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