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6	NATURAL RESOURCES
8	Reported by: Senator Treat
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20	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 310, L.D. 1019, Bill, "An Act to Allow Foam Food and Beverage Containers in School Cafeterias"
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24	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
26	'An Act to Allow Foam Food and Beverage Containers in School Cafeterias under Certain Circumstances'
28	Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of
30	subsection 2 (page 1, lines 6 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:
32	'2. Schools. A school or school administrative district
34	shall comply with the provisions of this section except that a food service providing such services to satellite facilities at
36	the school or school administrative district serviced by central kitchen facilities not at the same location is exempt. A school
38	or school administrative district may submit a request to the Executive Department, State Planning Office for a 3-year waiver
4.0	from the provisions of this section. The State Planning Office may grant the requested waiver as long as:
42	A. The request includes an explanation of the district's
44	financial hardship and a waste reduction plan. The plan must be designed to achieve the goal of using durable
4 6	containers in place of disposable containers, unless it is
48	shown that the use of durable containers is not feasible and alternative goals are proposed. The plan must include a

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2	B. The school or school administrative district has held a
	public hearing on the proposal to use polystyrene containers
4	and the waste reduction plan.
6	The State Planning Office may renew the waiver for 2-year periods

The State Planning Office may renew the waiver for 2-year periods if it finds that the school or school administrative district has made reasonable progress toward implementing the waste reduction plan. The State Planning Office, within available resources, may provide technical and financial assistance to schools and school administrative districts to assist them with meeting the goal of using durable containers.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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18 'FISCAL NOTE

School administrative units that apply for and receive a waiver to use polystyrene foam plastic containers for serving food or beverages may realize reduced expenditures for food serving products. The amount of any savings, which can not be estimated at this time, will not affect the amounts appropriated to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools account or the level of subsidy provided by the State to school administrative units.

The additional costs associated with reviewing waiver requests and providing technical and financial assistance to certain schools can be absorbed by the State Planning Office utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the title of the bill. It permits schools and school administrative districts to request a 3-year waiver from the prohibition against serving food or beverages in polystyrene foam plastic containers. The Executive Department, State Planning Office may grant the waiver as long as the school or district's request includes an explanation of the district's financial hardship and a waste reduction plan, and the school or district has held a public hearing on the proposal to use polystyrene containers and the waste reduction plan. may renew the waiver for 2-year periods if it finds that the has district made reasonable progress implementing the plan. The amendment also authorizes the office to provide technical and financial assistance, within available resources, to schools and school administrative districts to assist them with meeting the goal of using durable containers. Finally, the amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT