

SB146\_L.004

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB26-146 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 7, strike "AND".

2 Page 3, strike line 11 and substitute "COLORADO;

3 (e) ENCOURAGING THE USE OF DURABLE GOODS RATHER THAN  
4 SINGLE-USE PLASTIC ITEMS WOULD DRAMATICALLY REDUCE PLASTIC  
5 POLLUTION AND LEAD TO LONG-TERM BEHAVIOR CHANGE; AND

6 (f) MANY SINGLE-USE PLASTIC ITEMS CONTAIN TOXIC ADDITIVES  
7 SUCH AS PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL CHEMICALS, EVEN  
8 THOUGH HOUSE BILL 22-1345, ENACTED IN 2022, AND SENATE BILL  
9 24-081, ENACTED IN 2024, PROHIBIT THE INTENTIONAL INCLUSION OF  
10 PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL CHEMICALS, WHICH ARE  
11 WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICANTS HARMFUL TO  
12 HUMAN HEALTH.

13 (3) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

14 (a) THE IMPACTS OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC ITEMS CONSTITUTE AN  
15 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUE THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY BURDENS  
16 COMMUNITIES IDENTIFIED AS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED  
17 COMMUNITIES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-4-109 AND ENACTED THROUGH  
18 THE "ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT", AS ENACTED IN 2021 BY HOUSE  
19 BILL 21-1266. THESE COMMUNITIES INCLUDE THOSE WITH HIGHER  
20 PROPORTIONS OF LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR,  
21 AND THOSE EXPERIENCING CUMULATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
22 SOCIOECONOMIC STRESSORS, AS WELL AS COMMUNITIES WITH A HISTORY  
23 OF ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM AND SYSTEMIC DISINVESTMENT.

24 (b) EMISSIONS AND POLLUTION ASSOCIATED WITH SINGLE-USE  
25 PLASTIC ITEMS OCCUR ACROSS THE FULL LIFE CYCLE OF PLASTIC  
26 PRODUCTION AND DISPOSAL, INCLUDING AT EXTRACTION SITES, REFINING  
27 FACILITIES, PETROCHEMICAL MANUFACTURING PLANTS, PRODUCT  
28 MANUFACTURING FACILITIES, AND LANDFILLS. THESE CUMULATIVE  
29 IMPACTS CONTRIBUTE TO PERSISTENT DISPARITIES IN AIR QUALITY, WATER  
30 CONTAMINATION, AND SOIL DEGRADATION IN DISPROPORTIONATELY  
31 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES."

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