



ASSEMBLY FLOOR ALERT

AB 1276 (Carrillo) – Reduce Unnecessary Food Accessories

SUPPORT

In response to the drastic increase in food takeout and delivery as a result of the pandemic, the use of disposable food accessories including utensils, napkins, and condiment packages *has contributed to a 250-300% increase in single-use plastics and a 30% increase in waste.*

Many food facilities and food delivery services provide single-use food and beverage accessories *regardless of whether or not they are needed* resulting in many of them going unused. Unused food accessories use resources to manufacture, clog landfills, complicate recycling, and pollute streets and waterways in our communities.

Restaurants in the U.S. spend \$19 billion purchasing disposable foodware items, and California’s local governments and taxpayers spend over \$428 million annually in ongoing efforts to clean up and prevent litter in streets, storm drains, parks and waterways.

In order to address this issue, AB 1276 expands the straws-upon-request law to include more single-use food accessories, other food facilities, and third-party delivery platforms - including food that is taken away, delivered, or served on-site.

AB 1276 empowers consumer choice and gives food facilities flexibility. Providing food and beverage accessories *only* upon request to customers is a simple solution and a win-win that will *significantly reduce unnecessary waste before it begins, decontaminate recycling, and save businesses and local governments money.*

VOTE ‘AYE’ ON AB 1276!

The bill has no registered opposition.