

California advocates of foam packaging ban go local

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SACRAMENTO – Foam burger boxes and ice cream cups could eventually go the way of the flimsy plastic shopping bag – banned throughout California.

It's not likely to happen this year. Environmentalists who push for the bans lost a big fight last month when the Legislature voted down a bill that would have banned foam takeout containers statewide. But growing pressure from communities that are passing the bans could eventually lead to changes on the state level.

With inaction in the state Capitol, environmentalists are concentrating their efforts on cities and counties.

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