

Committee: House Environment & Transportation

Legislation: HB 0135 Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2023, a food service business from providing certain single-use food or beverage products to a customer ordering carryout or delivery from or dining inside the food service business unless the customer requests or accepts an offer for the single-use products; requiring a food service business to maintain a limited stock of single-use plastic straws for certain customers; and authorizing a food service business to submit a request to a governmental entity for a waiver of up to 3 months.

Organization: Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church

Submitting: Nanci Wilkinson, Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church Environmental Justice Ministry

Position: Favorable

Hearing Date: February 2, 2022

Chairperson and Committee Members:

HB 0135 is a great step in beginning the process of decoupling from plastics. The Environmental Justice Ministry of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church as a faith community respects the interdependent web of all existence which means all persons have the right to exist with nature in a clean environment. This bill will place the problem of plastics front and center for food service businesses and their customers.

Please vote favorably for this important bill-HB0135.

Nanci Wilkinson

Environmental Justice Team

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church