Mink farms are profit-oriented facilities cramming as many animals into a small enclosure as possible, polluting the land and water around them.

Such environments are ripe for diseases to arise in.

We had a close shave this year when a mink farm was infected by Covid-19 and quarantining it managed to keep it from spreading. With the next virus outbreak, we might not be as lucky. Oregon should not become the next Wuhan.